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Southbridge, Mass.,
Feb. 14. 1887.

The Late Holmes Ammidown.

At the town meeting Saturday, the following was presented by A. J. Bartholomew and unanimously adopted:

The voters of Southbridge, in town meeting assembled, recognize in the death of Holmes Ammidown on the 3d inst. at St. Augustine, Fla., the loss of a former citizen who was long identified with all matters pertaining to the prosperity of this his native town, and never forgot his loyalty to its welfare. Born here June 12, 1801, his strong natural good sense was educated in our public schools and Nichols academy. At an early age he commenced business here as a trader, and took an active and prominent part in all public affairs, securing the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens, and forming here those prompt and correct habits of industry and character which made his career among us eminently successful, and afterwards secured for him in Boston and New York city high rank among the most honored and enterprising merchants in these great commercial centers. We remember his manly form, his natural dignity of character, his mental capacity and activity, his warm and genial sociability and good nature, his severe regard for right action, his untiring industry and perseverance in the discharge of all his duties, and in all the enterprises of his life and business; and besides these marked characteristics, his general intelligence and hisspecial knowledge of local history obtained by long and patient research. We remember his many contributions to objects for the promotion of the public good, his publication of his local historical collections, and his liberal donations to the founding of our public library; and in all these respects express our appreciation of his worth as a man and the value of his life, not only to this municipality, but also in all other places where he resided, in like matters. For this it is appropriate that some tribute to his memory should be placed upon our public records expressing our regard for him as a friend and a citizen; therefore

Resolved, That the citizens of this town will cherish his memory for his acts of generosity and kindness to its people, and his great and constant consideration for its best interests all through his long and prosperous life,

Resolved, That this memorial be entered upon the records of the town and that a copy of same be sent by the clerk to the widow of the deceased. Apr. 7, 1883.

The following are the resolutions adopted by the library committee:

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in his all wise Providence to remove from this earthly life, Mr. Holmes Ammidown, a native of this town and formerly a fellow citizen, it is deemed fitting that the committee of the free public library should give expression to the feelings and sentiments in relation to Mr. Ammidown, whose decease at the age of eighty-two years occured on the 3d instant, at his winter home in Florida; therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Ammidown, we deplore the loss of one who was ardently devoted to the moral and intellectual prosperity and growth of the town, and who by the erection of the building and conveying to the town by a perpetual lease the use of the rooms for the library, reading room and museum, and by his numerous other benefactions including more than a thousand volumes of books, many of them rare and of great value, and also over fifty sets of his Historical Collections for use of exchange, has won for him the highest regard of the people, and has in these gifts left a monument of his large hearted liberality and of his attachment to the inhabitants of the town.

Resolved, That we cherish the memory of Mr. Ammidown, as a man of untiring industry, indefatigable perseverence and well earned success, manifesting during his long life an ardent interest in the advancement of the town in all that is good and noble, and aiding with enthusiasm in the accomplishment of this object; and we desire to acknowledge the town's indebtedness to him in so large a measure for the establishment of an institution so important as supplementary to the general interests of education in the town, and which we trust will be of lasting benefit to the successive generations of men that are to come after us.

Resolved, That the committee in behalf of the town, tender to the family of Mr. Ammidown in this time of bereavement, their warm sympathies and sincere condolence. Apr. 1883.

Holmes Ammidown.

The people of this town learned with sincere regret, Wednesday, of the death of the one who had done a great deal for the educational and historical interests of the town, and whose name was held in high esteem by the whole community. Apr. 3, 1883.

Holmes Ammidown was born in this town June 12, 1801. He received a common school education, supplemented by a course at Nichols academy, Dudley. Afterwards he taught school and then went into business with Luther Ammidown. They remained in business together, conducting a country store, till 1836, when he sold out his interest and removed to Boston, where he went into the dry goods jobbing business on Kilby street as senior partner in the firm of Ammidown, Bowman & Co. During his residence in town he was a prominent citizen, holding many offices of trust and responibility, and taking a leading part in various public enterprises, such as hotel, aqueduct company, bank, etc. In Boston he had a successful career. The firm was changed to H. Ammidown & Co; and afterwards he was a member of the clothing house of Ammidown, Pierce, Lovejoy & Co. He was also in the commission business. In 1865 he disposed of his jobbing business to Edwards, Nichols & Richards (Jacob Edwards), and removed to New York, with his son connecting himself with the house of Ammidown, Lane & Co. Since 1870, he had not been in active business.

He ever held his native town in high esteem, and soon after, being relieved of active business cares, he built the public library building here, and gave the town the free use of the library rooms. He also wrote a very elaborate and detailed history of this and the neighboring towns; and gave the town many valuable works for preservation it its library.

Mr. Ammidown is spoken of by those whose acquaintance extends over much of his life, as a man of rare judgment and business skill, and one who had an unsullied reputation for integrity. We knew him as a man of great industry, never idle a moment; and always keenly alive to the welfare of Southbridge. He took great interest in the JOURNAL and frequently sent us kind letters of regard and approval; one was received only a few weeks ago.

He firmly believed in a person doing good with his money while alive, and practiced what he preached. Of late years he has sought relief from the rigor of northern winters, in Florida, and has there carried out the same love of promoting educational enterprises, as here in Southbridge. He has also wielded a powerful and good influence for a better political condition in that state.

Mr. Ammidown leaves a family consisting of a widow and three sons. Two of them, Edward H. and Charles H., are well-known in manufacturing and business circles.

The remains will arrive at Putnam on the Southern express Sunday morning at 5:30; and the funeral will take place in the Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

Nov. 1879.

Public Library.

Holmes Ammidown has forwarded to Southbridge for the public library a map of the ancient city of St. Augustine, which dates April, 1788. The original had become much torn and dilapidated generally, and was presented to him as the president of the free public library, reading room and historical association of St. Augustine. Believing that this map should be preserved, he brought it with him last summer to New York and had it carefully redrawn and photo-lithographed 250 copies, 20 of which he has had mounted for distribution to historical societies and libraries. St. Augustine is much improved since our northern people have bought and erected residences and hotels. The centre park or plaza has been greatly improved by a handsome new fence, new walks and fine lawns, while 150 fine trees were planted there the past season, largely through Mr. A.'s efforts.

As Others See Us.

Mr Morell, of the Gardner, (Me.) *Home Journal*, writes very pleasingly of his recent visit to Southbridge. He says:

Southbridge is to us a rather curious town. It is wholly devoted to manufactures. Situated in an amphitheater between high hills, which are wooded over nearly all their extent, it nestles down each side of Quinebaug river, which would be called a stream here. There is a small stream which comes in on the north, which makes a little intervale, and this with a little along the Quinebaug makes all the really arable land there is; or rather was, for there are a few good farms, but they have been wrested from barrenness by a vast amount of labor in picking stones. The town has some 7,500 inhabitants, and its main street is one of the prettiest business streets we ever saw in a country town. The dwellings are all fine and have large lots with fine lawns in front. The stores are very large and well built, and all look new. An air of thrift pervades the village. We never was in a place before, where there were such evident marks of business, where there was also, lying right at the doors almost mile upon mile of almost unbroken wilderness. The old inhabitants told us that there is not so much cleared land there now as there was fifty years ago. The fact is they are letting it grow up to wood—and we do not blame them. Hardwood is cheaper there than here.

Lebanon Hill is a very high hill south of the town, over which we were treated to a ride—and a glorious view we had from its summit. Southbridge lay spread out like a panorama—and the country for miles and miles beyond. Massachusetts people have an idea that Maine is all woods, but we know of no place in the settled parts of Maine where so much forest can be seen as here.

Mr. Morell notices with much interest the public library, the spectacle factory and the JOURNAL; of the latter he says:

As Mr. Whitaker has the field all to himself, we should think he might be doing well.

Our cotem. possibly did not find out that back of our fine buildings, streets, etc., is a population of several thousand—over one half of the whole—who do not read English. Two opposition papers have been born and died here and yet the JOURNAL publisher has very little to show as the result of ten years hard work.

One thing that surprised our journalistic visitor was our water power, of which he says:

Quinebaug is the name of the little stream which runs through Southbridge, Mass., and it is made to do its level best. In old times before it was imprisoned, and when there was more water in it than now, in dry times in the summer there would only be water enough to run a grist mill a few hours a day. Now in the town of Southbridge it runs 26,000 spindles, and a big woolen mill, the largest spectacle factory in the world, and we do not know how much other stuff above Southbridge on the same stream—there are 25,000 spindles more. Fourteen feet of fall gives 200 horse power, which we believe is about the same power as the Cobbossee.

By a judicious and skillful series of reservoirs they have managed to save all the water that runs in a wet time, and to use it all in a dry time, and thus every pound of the power is used. Thus the Hamilton company have a reservoir by which they can save all the water that runs in the night; and they run by day. Fifteen minutes after they commence the Dresser cotton mill commences and runs fifteen minutes after they stop. Then a little while after they have commenced, another concern starts up, and so along till when the last one starts it is 12 o'clock at night, and it runs till 12 the next day. By the time poor little Quinebaug gets to the Thames, we should think it would be tired enough to rest.

The result of this little stream is very clearly visible. Southbridge is a township of 12,200 acres with over seven thousand inhabitants. There is more rough land and woods in Southbridge than we know of anywhere in this county, and we doubt if the town could be forced to raise one half enough to support the lives of its inhabitants, but it had live and enterprising men, and they have harnessed and worked the Quinnebaug and have not only made a living, but most of them are rich.

Cannot this be a hint for our folks? We think it would pay the Cobbossee Water-power Company to go to Southbridge on a tour of inspection—and then decide whether or not the Cobbossee could not be coaxed or drove to do more for the good of mankind than it now does.

Our Maine visitor left by the Charlton stage, which gave him an opportunity to drop into sentiment and botany, as follows:

One can go all the way from Southbridge to Worcester by rail, or can go by stage to Charlton, eight miles, and then by rail. We chose to go by stage,—and excellently well-pleased were we with the ride. The morning was as pleasant as ever one saw, and perched upon the topmost seat of an old-fashioned Concord coach, we laid ourselves out to enjoy it—and we did. The road was chiefly through the woods, or meandered along the valley of a little stream. Once in a while the pine trees would whisk our faces full of dew, but it was fragrant with balsamic oders, and our complexion would wash. The blue-jays would flash across the road like a streak of blue, and Nature seemed to be doing her best to enjoy herself in the few warm days that yet remain. Blue and Purple asters, and a very common white one which we do not know, here lined the wayside, and contrasted beautifully with the rich coloring of the American ivy (*ampelopsis quinquefolia*) and the deep blue of the closed gentian. Here and there the delicate little flax Gerardina covered the ground with its harebell-like flowers. We never have seen it anywhere else. The grass in damp places was spotted with the white flow-of-Parnassas grass (which was also a stranger to us hitherto.) In fact we enjoyed that ride—fully as much we believe, as did the driver, who was buzzing a little maiden by his side all the way over. Besides the flowers whose acquaintance we made on this visit which we have named was the Wild Indigo and the ferns Ebony Spleen-wort and Cystopteris fragilis. It is not a season of course to find many flowers in blossom, but we have named enough to show that there is quite a difference between our flora and theirs.

The new representative district starts off with two candidates from Southbridge. The republicans' candidate Robert H. Cole is one of our old residents, universally respected, and identified with the interests of the town as president of the American Optical company the largest concern of the kind in the world. The democratic candidate, lawyer Charles Haggerty, a member of the school committee, has been a resident of the town but a comparatively few years; yet he has made a good record and won much personal popularity. He is particulary strong with the labor element. Oct. 1886.

The Hamilton Woolen company, Amesbury, are running their cotton department in their mills to its full capacity turning out a large product. Many improvements in this company's mill property at this place have been projected and carried out in the last two years, which has resulted in a large increase of product, at a great reduction in cost, and at the present time they are in an exceedingly prosperous condition.—*Journal of Commerce.* June 27 1884

A convention of the New England United district of Ancient Order of Foresters is being held in this town. The opening session was held yesterday at 2 p. m. There are present thirty-four visiting delegates from New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, representing thirty courts. The convention will close this evening. Among the list of delegates we notice the names of the following principal officers of the association: D F. Cronin of Boston, D. C. R.; Geo. E. Vincent of Springfield, D. S. R.; S. R. Anderson of Boston, District Secretary; Hugh McClellan of Cambridge, District Treasurer; John J. Curry of this town is the District Beadle of the association. Caterer, John J. Bowlen, furnished a glorious supper to 150 members of the local court and their guests last evening.

Oct. 22. 1886.

Holmes Ammidown, whose birth and early life was here in Southbridge, and whose interest in his native place caused him to erect a building, a part of which he gave to be used as a public library, was called to yield up his mortal life, at St. Augustine, Fla., April 3. In life he was so interested in the welfare of our town we may safely hope he has done that which shall still further make his memory green in the minds and hearts of future generations. Our space and the lateness of receiving the sad intelligence of his death makes it impossible for us to make extended notice of a man who has become so well known to all residents of Southbridge, past and present. The death of no other non-resident who has interests here could be more deplored at this time, and we need not say that his fidelity and usefulness ended only with his life, at the close of more than four score years, into which life he crowded more than many another man would require at least a third of a century more to accomplish. To the young men of this town we say, What better legacy than the influences of such a life can they leave behind when they go hence? What better outfit than the spirit of such a life can they take with them on the voyage to the undiscovered land?

Mr. Ammidown was born June 12, 1801; was the youngest son of Luther Ammidown by his second wife, Hannah Hovey, daughter of Josiah Hovey of Dudley. They were married May 11th, 1796. He was married Nov. 17, 1825, Seraph, daughter of Daniel Hodges of Warren Mass., who with three sons survive him. Had Mr. Ammidown done nothing else in life his "Historical Collections" which he compiled, ought to endear him to the inhabitants of his native town, as thereby he has preserved from oblivion a large amount of facts in the two volumes already published, and we understand a third volume of equal extent containing other historical matter is left in manuscript. This volume we hope will contain facts in regard to his own life, which are lacking in the two first. The bringing forth of these volumes, and the labor and expenditure in aid of establishing the public library, reading room, and museum in Southbridge was the result of a design contemplated many years. His last visit to his native town showed that he had other plans for their future improvement. His portait in the library has been draped, some of the stores have displayed his picture surrounded with the emblems of mourning, and a feeling of genuine sadness has taken hold of the whole community. His remains will be brought to Southbridge for interment, the funeral probably occurring Tuesday.

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Miss Belle White is visiting in town.

E. C. Hawkes made a flying trip to town July 4.

Miss Emma Messenger is stopping with Miss S. Louie Ellis.

Miss Edith L. Williams spent the Fourth in Brooklyn, Conn.

Miss Eva North of Cohoes, N. Y., is spending her vacation in town.

Miss Mattie Searles has returned from visiting friends in Amherst.

Mr. & Mrs. Lucius R. Paige of Cambridge are visiting C. A. Paige.

Mr. Fitts of Springfield, Mass., was a guest of Theodore Harrington this week.

A. H. Wheeler and S. K. Edwards attended the democratic convention at Chicago.

Henry Bassett, of Clinton, formerly of the JOURNAL office, was in town over Sunday.

Maziah Sly, a resident of Southbridge years ago, now of Malden, has been visiting here.

F. W. Johnson's apothecary store is closed and he and his wife have gone to Manchester, N. H.

Bertie R. Claflin is in Providence with his aunt, Mrs. David Mason, enjoying his summer vacation.

Miss Jennie Buell has been summering in Woodstock for a few days with her sister, Mrs. Henry Bosworth.

Daniel V. Brown and family are spending their vacation in town, visiting their relatives and many friends.

Mrs. Calvin Claflin with her son Edwin are summering at Michigan City, Indiana, with her sister, Mrs. Kingsbury.

Jas. R. Harris has purchased the new house being erected by Hartwell Hobbs on Summer street and expects to take possession next month.

Mrs. C. C. Taft, *nee* Nellie Booth, is at home on a visit.

The remains of the late Holmes Ammidown arrived here last Sunday morning via Putnam, and the funeral was held in the Baptist church in the afternoon. The day was fine and the church was filled with the prominent citizens of the town who came to pay their last respects to the public benefactor. Those who went out of idle curiosity to see a great parade and show were disappointed for everything was simple and without any of that ostentatious display so common at funerals of the wealthy. The display of flowers was not elaborate, but very nice. A pillow of immortelles inscribed "Rest" was at the head of the casket, and smilax and ivy were placed appropriately. At the foot were palm leaves and a bunch of ripe wheat. An anchor adorned the front of the pulpit and there were boquets of callas and other flowers. Rev. A. G. Upham's remarks were brief, dwelling chiefly on Mr. Ammidown's love for his native town and his munificence towards it. The past and present members of the library committee occupied prominent seats in the church and walked in front of the hearse to the cemetery. The pall bearers were Wm. Edwards, Sylvester Dresser, Joel Cheney, Festus C, Litchfield, Liberty Phelps and Daniel Whitford. The remains were placed in the family tomb, erected by himself in 1874, at Oak Ridge cemetery. As most of the family have been at the South all winter it was not considered prudent to come north at this season of the year, and consequently but a few members were in town, Edward H. being the only son present. Among the prominent persons who came to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Edwards and William Beecher of Boston, Peter C. Bacon of Worcester and William Willard of Sturbridge. Quite a number of old residents of the town who seldom leave their homes were also present. Apr. 7. 1883.

Classday exercises at the high school this afternoon from 3 to 4. The following program will be presented: history, F. C. Hall; poem, Rosalie V. Letcher; essay, Etta Chamberlain, orator, U. A. Goodell; prophesy, G. C. Tully. The public are invited. Feb 1884

The late Holmes Ammidown.

The funeral services of the late Holmes Ammidown were held in the Baptist church last Sabbath afternoon, as announced in last week's JOURNAL. The church was filled with a representative audience, including many of the business men of the town, town officers and persons from all walks of life and of all creeds and beliefs.

The exercises began with an anthem by the choir, followed by scripture reading.

Rev. A. G. Upham then spoke substantially as follows: It is fitting that so many should be gathered here; that all religious beliefs, all educational interests, and all departments of business should be represented here today. For the deceased, our friend and father, belonged to all of us; he belonged to the town, and in his death the town has lost one of its best friends. We all do well to pay our tribute of respect and esteem to the memory of one who has so well earned our deep and abiding gratitude. His life is before us and speaks for itself. To members of his family and the old residents of the town who have known him for years, there is no need of words. But to us who are younger and were less familiar with his characteristics there may be much profit in considering his life and work. Being dead he yet speaketh. Mr. Ammidown was a man whom to see was to remember. His personality was so marked and striking as to impress one, even a casual contact showed what manner of man he was. He was a man of a great deal of enterprise, energy, push, and persistence, one who must always be doing something. His enterprise made him successful here; it made Southbridge too small for him; and then it gave him high rank among the merchants of Boston and New York. He was not born rich, neither did he inherit great wealth, but he made his money honestly by enterprise and hard work—by energy, prudence, tact, and foresight.

From his youth he had a love for historical research, and gave to it an amount of application rare in a busy business man. The amount of labor in such work can be realized only by those who are engaged in it. But he pursued it with such zeal that at the age of three score and ten, when failing health had compelled him to relinquish active business, he published his volumes of historical collections which are a valuable addition to local history.

Mr. Ammidown had none of the make-all-you-can-and-keep-all-you-get spirit. He was preeminently a man of public spirit. Too often those who leave their native town and become absorbed in business elsewhere, practically forget the place of their birth. He never forgot this town though seldom here. His thoughts were often here and his steps whenever he could.

He took pride in the town—in its fine streets, imposing buildings, and general prosperity, which he did not a little to create. But he thought of more than material welfare; he had a care for its intellectual condition, and very generously did he help us to weapons with which to fight against ignorance. Yonder building so appropriately draped—his gift to the town—with its well-furnished library, reading-room, and museum, is his monument, and for this he will ever be held in grateful remembrance. The library is a sacred trust to be perpetuated with the greatest care and to be improved as he would have done. What better way is there to do good than to labor to make learning democratic, to attempt to increase the culture and intelligence of the community? The man who can combine such business enterprise with such public spirit, is the one we delight to honor.

Mr. Ammidown while here was always identified with the Baptist society which has often been the recipient of his bounty. Elsewhere he worshipped with the Baptists and Presbyterians. He never joined any church, but as a man thinketh in his heart so is he. God knows him and this is enough. "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?" To do justly and love mercy, and walk humbly with one's God, is the sum and substance of true religion. Men ask what a man is worth, God asks what he is. Character is his test of judgment, and our treatment of Jesus Christ and his words is the final test of character. Be it ours to make Him what he asks us to make him, our Savior and our Lord.

The exercises concluded with a chant by the choir, very feelingly rendered, after which an opportunity was afforded all who wished to take a last look at the mortal remains of the town's benefactor.

They were escorted to the cemetery by the past and present members of the library committee and followed by a large number of friends, relatives and citizens generally. The remains were deposited in the family tomb with a brief service performed by Rev. A. G. Upham, after which the company slowly dispersed, feeling that all had truly lost a friend in the death of him who had ever been so thoughtful of his native town. Apr. 8. 1880.

A larger number than usual of former residents have been in town this week, many of them dnawn hither by the funeral of Holmes Ammidown. Among the number we noticed Jacob Edwards, Wm. Beecher, Geo. A. Haggerty, Joseph Kinsey, Mrs. Mansfield, Edmund H. Ammidown and family and Albert H. Ammidown.

In 1837 the late Hon. Zachariah Chandler, then a young man from New Hampshire, called upon Holmes Ammidown in New York city and said he wanted to buy a bill of dry goods to take to Detroit, Michigan. He had little or no capital, and wanted credit. By talking with him Mr. A. discovered he possessed great self reliance and confidence in his paying for all the credit he required. He therefore supplied him the goods, the first he ever bought. Mr. Chandler was prompt and continued Mr. Ammidown's customer to the end of his business. He never met Mr. Ammidown without referring to this act of kindness. Nov. 1879.

The *Florida Press* of Jan. 24 says of the reception given by Holmes Ammidown to General Grant: 1880.

This reception was a great success, filling the house and grounds with ladies and gentlemen who represented a large portion of the States of the Union. General Grant remarked that it was seldom that in a like number of people, you could see such a wide diversity of personal residence, embracing the whole range of the country from Maine to Minnesota and Colorado. The elegant costumes and showy uniforms of the officers of the military post, interspersed on the grounds with the multitude of fragrant blossoms on the great variety of plants, formed an attractive picture which did not fail to draw out many expressions of pleasure from the General and his party, as well as our city visitors.

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G. A. Millay, formerly of this town, is vice president and general manager of the Union Relief company of Taunton.

The sister superior of the parochial school has been in Canada on a visit, and will return Saturday, when she will be given a reception by the school.

Wm. B. Morse, formerly of the JOURNAL, but latterly of East Boston, is now confined to the residence of his sister at Charlton, with troubles arising from his old army wounds.

J. F. B Litchfield has been appointed by the Henry Bill Publishing company, as agent for Jas. G. Blaine's great work, "Twenty Years in Congress," and is receiving many orders.

Crystal Wedding.

Our village has been the scene of another of those "happy greetings" so pleasant in experience and memory. Tuesday evening of last week as Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cummings were sitting at home with a few family friends, their minds and hearts and conversation, without doubt, full of the fact that this was the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding day, they were surprised by the sound of "Auld Lang Syne" at their very window rising from numerous and familiar voices. Going to the door they found a little host of friends come with greetings of rememberance and affections. As there was sickness at home the ever hospitable mansion of Mr. Cummings' sister Mrs. Samuel Williams just across the street had been thrown open by previous arrangement and the company filled the large double parlor. After a little time spent in a social manner, the pastor made a short address of congratulation in behalf of the company, calling attention to the choice crystal gifts. An original poem was read by Mrs. H. J. Conant, after some music the ample collation provided by the ladies was well remembered and the hours wore on in reminiscences and conversation till the guests departed.

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The following is Mrs. Conant's poem, published by request.

We come to-night, dear friends,
With happy hearts and gay,
To show our friendly feelings,
And cheer you on your way.

We need not tell you why
We come in such a mass;
Each bringing with affection,
A gift o. sparkling glass.

Please accept our offering;
It is not much we know,
But it may serve in future years,
Our friendship true to show.

The gifts must to your mind
Recall a pleasant day,
Just fifteen years ago,
This sixteenth day of May.

The air was soft and mild,
The merry songsters gay,
All Heaven and earth conspired to bless
Your happy wedding day.

You clasped each other's hands
For fair and cloudy weather;
To sail upon the heaving sea
Of earthly life together.

The veil which hung before,
And future years concealed,
Has slowly been up-lifting,
And fifteen years r evealed.

Those happy fifteen ears,
To-night, how sho rt they seem;
You almost feel they were
One sweet delicious dream.

God has richly blessed you,
"In basket and in store."
Three precious children love you,
What could you wish for more?

And here you stand to-night
Where the past and future meet;
Loved friends with them surround you,
The coming years to greet.

And now, dear bride and bridegroom,
God speed you on your way;
And grant you many blest returns
Of this anniversary day.

And we would now remember,
As we sing our roundlay,
This is the anniversary
Of another bridal day,

That of your honored mother,
Who forty years to-night,
Stood forth in queenly beauty,
A young mechanics' bride.

To-night that dear loved husband
Is missed from this dear band.
Six months ago he left us
For the Heavenly land.

And you who was his happy bride
So many years ago,
At this festive gathering,
Are sad at heart we know.

And ere you came you sought the grave
Where he lies buried low;
And wept in loneliness, and thought
Of forty years ago.

May you and all your children,
And children's children three,
Meet with the loved departed,
And sail the crystal sea.

July 1885

Grant Memorial.

The adjourned meeting to make arrangements for a Grant memorial meeting appointed the following committees:

Executive—Geo. W. Corey, F. Jacobs, A. H. Wheeler, Wm. D. Morse, A. J. Bartholomew.

Arrangements—C. A. Paige, A. W. Martin, J. D. Blanchard.

Finance—C. D. Paige, S. K. Edwards, C. W. Hill.

Music—C. D. Monroe.

In addition to the routine business eloquent remarks were made by Hon. P. J. Flatly, who was visiting in town.

The committees have all organized and are busily at work. The memorial service will be held in Edwards Opera house at the time of the funeral in New York. It will consist of the Grand Army memorial ritual and addresses by a number of our leading citizens. The hall will be appropriately draped.

Last week Monday the Hamilton Woolen company took all their cotton operatives at Amesbury to a picnic. The company arranged reduced rates with the horse car management, and themselves paid all the other expenses of the day. Between four and five hundred participated in the festivities of the day. The company have shipped 1,302,000 yards of cotton cloth since August 1st, and will probably send as much more before the end of the month, which will take their entire stock. The mill is to open September 1st, with no goods on hand and prices much firmer. July 1885

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Miss Jeanette Comins is spending her vacation in East Providence, and the library is in charge of her assistants, Misses Smith and Kelly. 1885

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Hamilton Woolen company's stock sold Saturday at 87 1-2.

An Old Campaign Banner.

1886

A correspondent to the New York *Evening Post*, in a recent letter, writes that an original bill of expenses rendered by William L. Marcy in 1830 has been discovered among old papers in the comptroller's office at Albany. He was at that time a judge of the supreme court with a political prospect before him, and his expenses were payable by the state, not as now by a fixed allowance but upon bills and vouchers rendered; therefore minute details are made note in the bill which was for traveling expenses and board for twenty-one days while holding court, and amounted to $70.73. One item reads: "Mending work done to pantaloons, .50." Before he rendered his bill for traveling expenses and trousers mending he was elected to the United States senate, and little more than a year afterward he was the Jackson candidate for governor. During the campaign of 1832 Marcy heard a great deal about having his patching done at public expense. Indeed, a pencil check stands opposite the pantaloons item in the original bill, as if either the rigid comptroller or some scrupulous clerk had misgivings about the state's responsibility for the wear and tear of the judge's trouser.

An incident of the vigorous Jackson-Marcy campaign of 1832 is recalled to the effect that at a mass meeting of the opposition a pair of pantaloons of heroic size, having a large white patch on them with "50 cts." in red on the patch was displayed as a campaign emblem.

From other items the expense of travel fifty-six years ago may be compared with the present time. It cost him $15.65 to go from Albany to Lockport, of which $12.46 was for boat and stage fare, and three days' time were consumed in the journey.

The charge of $1.50 for shoe blacking during his stay at Lockport seems hardly in accordance with the traditional simplicity of his time; but on the other hand wine and washing were limited to the modest sum of $6.78, which balances the seeming extravagance of the "shines."

The correspondent facetiously adds that "on the whole it is doubtful if W. L. Marcy's reputation will suffer by the unearthing of this old bill, notwithstanding the charges for washing and mending and 'shoe black,' and an imaginary bill for expenses of a similar session of court which might be rendered at the present time is appended, which is made to reach the sum of $800.

How the Fourth was Spent. 1885.

About seventy enjoyed the day at Highland Lake grove, returning on a special train about one o'clock the next morning. The train was a great convenience to many celebrators beside those who went to Highland Lake, a large number of passengers being taken at Webster on the last return trip.

Southbridge had seven representatives at Mr. Bowen's reception at Woodstock, Friday night. The affair can not be too warmly praised. All of the advertised dignitaries were there and the evening was one long to be remembered. Senator Sherman and Mrs. Logan received the greatest praises of the guests for their unrestrained and cordial sociability. Mr. Bowen can not be too heartily thanked for his successful efforts in the line of managing profitable Fourth of July celebrations. Quite a number went from here to Woodstock, Saturday, to hear the addresses, and were well repaid for their efforts.

Several Southbridge people went to the college boat race at Worcester, where the Bowdoin boys showed the most muscle but were prevented from coming in first by Cornel's fouling their boat. The referee ruled Cornel out and ordered Brown and Bowdoin to row again the 13th for the first position. Brown was unable to do so, and the winning colors were therefore offered to Bowdoin. But the latter preferring to win its laurels rather than accept them on a technicality, arranged to row again with Brown on the 16th, in which the referee concurred.

Between fifty and sixty couples had a very enjoyable picnic in Harrington's grove, Saturday, under the auspices of the St. Mary's Total Abstinence society. There were the usual picnic enjoyments—dancing, swinging, shooting, etc.,—including one of Faulkner's clam dinners which is praised in the highest possible manner, by those who participated. The honors in the shooting match were divided between Fr. Nelligan, John Quirk and Wm. C. Callahan. The affair passed off very successfully and with great credit to the committee of arrangements as well as to Mr. Faulkner.

The children of the Wide Awake club had a pleasant and successful celebration at the town hall, Saturday. The program included singing by the children, addresses by Rev. Messrs. Danielson, Magwire, Pomfret and Eastterbrook, and a collation. Geo. M. Whitaker presided. The women, under the lead of Mrs. Wood, are doing an excellent temperance work among the children by means of this organization.

The gathering at the Point of Pines attracted many from hereabouts. The base ball game was an easy victory to to the Southbridge nine, who defeated the East Brookfields to the tune of 16 to 4. In a two-mile single-scull race McSweeney won the first prize of $50, O'Toole the second of $25, and Conway the third of $15. The time announced was 14:04.

Some were attracted by base ball, the news of which will be found in another column.

Building Operations. 1883.

This town has been enjoying a steady healthy progress for many years. It has indulged in no mushroom spasmodic booms, but has steadily plodded on, holding all that it has gained and continually making small gains. The JOURNAL'S annual *resume* of the new buildings have always been evidences of local enterprise and prosperity of the town. The past year was no exception to this rule. The new buildings constructed were of reasonable number, and averaged good quality. There was preserved a due proportion between residences and business places.

The most important industry in town is perhaps—all things considered—the American Optical company. With the large amount of skill and capital at its command, it has brought the processes of manufacture to such a system that the cost is reduced to a minimum, and the production increased. It can manufacture at the rate of five pairs of spectacles per minute. The works of the company were almost doubled in size last year, making their buildings on Mechanic street very pretentious in appearance, as well as very convenient in arrangement. Two of the other large corporations in town made minor enlargements to their works. The Hamilton Woolen Company built an addition to its dye house, and the Central Mills Company added a new picker room to its twine mill. These enabled these companies to carry on their operations with more ease and on a larger scale.

A good number of the better class of residences were built during the past year. B. U. Bugbee erected a stately house on a showy location, in the place of the old homestead on the Palmer Harding farm. James M. Marble put up a good looking residence on Oakes avenue, another conspicuous location. The Union church parsonage on Hamilton street is a good looking, eligibly located residence, as are the houses of S. Dresser and H. Hobbs on Summer street. Among the tenement houses erected, are a number which are very showy and make very comfortable homes. The list includes one built by Albert Perry on Plimpton street, four by S. K. Edwards on River street, three by Wm. Edwards near North and Mechanic streets, and four by Lorenzo Morton in the same location.

This makes a grand total of twenty in all. Besides, many smaller structures were built in different parts of the town; among which were the blacksmith shop by Dr. Gauthier on West street, the barn by B. Silk, the moving and rebuilding the H. W. Bacon house and barn on Paige street, etc., etc.

A number of residences were begun last year and finished during the winter, which were not added into last year's list, although some of the work was done last season. In this list is the residence of A. A. Butterworth on Oakes avenue, two tenement houses by S. K. Edwards on Mill street, and one by the same gentleman on Cliff street.

Other new buildings now under way are: New S. K. Edwards Hall company's block, residence being built by Dr. Gauthier on South street, residence being built by L. Morton near Hook street, houses on Paige street (H. W. Bacon place) staked out by Paige & Chapin.

In addition to these, Andrew Smith has erected a new barn and Theophilus Wood is building a new house on Morris street. Alpha Cheney is refitting and repairing his old residence on Chestnut street. Quite a number of others are talking of building.

A Golden Wedding. 1884.

On Thursday evening, Oct. 9, the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund P. Tiffany of this town was celebrated at their residence on Hamilton street. About forty friends, neighbors and relatives from Southbridge, Webster and New York were present, including three children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A daughter residing out West was unable to be present. The eldest son died during the war in Andersonville prison.

The evening passed off very pleasantly. The parlors were made cheerful with flowers, and many valuable and appropriate gifts were presented to the aged couple. As the nuptial tie was thought to have been made sufficiently strong fifty years ago there was no renewal of the marriage ceremony, but their pastor, Rev. Jos. Danielson, spoke a few informal, congratulatory words, and the party joined in singing several old-time tunes. After partaking of a bountiful repast and enjoying a social hour together, the party dispersed, wishing the bridal pair much joy as they continue to journey on together, "looking toward the sunset." Mr. Tiffany is 76 years of age, his wife 71. They have resided in Southbridge 42 years.

Southbridge was represented by Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Paige at the reception given Gov. Robinson on Friday evening by the Arlington club of Holyoke. Over twelve hundred guests were present. The Boston *Advertiser* says: "It is entirely within bounds to say the reception of Gov. Robinson by the Arlington club of Holyoke surpassed anything ever done in the state for a Massachusetts man." Feb. 13. 1885.

Mrs. Nancy Stone, well known to citizens of Southbridge and Sturbridge, reached her 92d birthday the 29th of February, in the full exercise of her faculties and in the enjoyment of excellent health. Mrs. Stone is a remarkable woman, having enjoyed sound health during her long life, and met life's vicisitudes with more than womanly courage. She is now philosophically enjoying the remainder of life's journey, and hopefully and happily trusting the kind hand that has guided her hitherto to provide for the sweet by and by. On this anniversary her son Bela J. Stone of Westboro, the distinguished agriculturist and stock raiser, kept open house in honor of the occasion, and friends who had the courage or timerity to brave the cold, drifting storm enjoyed an opporunity not soon to be forgotten. 1884 March

Mrs. Chester Stone, formerly of this town now living with her son in Westboro, is the only living person who signed the petition for the incorporation of the town of Southbridge. She is ninety-one years old, well and smart, reading the JOURNAL with great interest every week. She is able to assist about the family housework and sew in . Jan. 1883.

Sept. **Among the Churches.** 1885.

Services will be resumed at the Baptist church next Sunday—the pastor preaching morning and evening.

The Universalist society will begin services again next Sunday morning. Sunday school at noon. Conference and praise meeting at 6 o'clock p. m.

Rev. Joseph Danielson, pastor of the Congregational church, will preach a post-dedication sermon next Sabbath morning. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the afternoon.

There will be a praise service in the audience room of the new Congregational church next Sunday evening at 9 o'clock. The choir will lead the singing and new books will be used.

The dedication of the new Congregational church will take place today. There will be services at 3 o'clock this afternoon with a sermon by Rev. E. B. Palmer, a former pastor, the singing of original hymns, and other dedication ceremonies. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be addresses by Rev. J. E. Fullerton, Rev. S. Hayward, and Rev. M. L. Richardson. A large choir will furnish elaborate music arranged especially for the occasion. The public are cordially invited.

June 9 **A Pleasant Event.** 1882.

For many months the people of the town have had their attention attracted to the elegant mansion constructing on Chestnut—nee Cisco street. The extensive proportions were stately and pleasing to the eye and as it has no superior among the many nice residences in town there was a very natural interest in it. Soon after the process of erection had begun the knowing ones began to whisper that its proprietor Alpha M. Cheney was to be married. The tongue of conjecture was busy but soon fixed upon Miss Emma Bradford —for a time a teacher in our public schools but latterly of Brooklyn—as the favored individual. The building and matrimonial enterprises culminated last Tuesday evening when between two and three hundred of Mr. and Mrs. Cheney's friends met at their new residence for a "house warming" and reception.

The house is an imposing structure of wood, with projections, tower, porches, etc., to suit the most modern requirements of architecture. Its location will be commanding and showy, well suited for such a house, when the grading of the adjacent grounds is completed. Inside it is well arranged and fitted with all the conveniences that modern skill can suggest. The rooms are finished in hard woods in Queen Anne style. The heating is done by both direct and indirect radiation from steam pipes. The cellar contains not only the boiler for warming but a gas machine for lighting the building. The plumbing is of first class workmanship. Indeed all the appointments of the house—even to kitchen conveniences—are as thorough as they are nice; nothing savoring of sham about the whole place. The house is connected with the wires of the telephone exchange.

One very satisfactory thing in connection with the construction and furnishing of the house is the fact that it was largely done by local talent. It shows that we have artisans and trades men in town who can do as good work and furnish as good merchandise as need be, and that sending out of town is a foolish sentimentality. The carpenter work of the house was done by Leonard Cutler, the mason work by Calvin Claflin, the painting by P. M. Clarke, and the decorating by J. & W. Booth who also furnished the furniture and carpets.

Last week's JOURNAL contained an announcement of the marriage of Alpha M. Cheney to Miss Emma Bradford and their tour westward. They returned Monday and received their friends Tuesday evening, over one hundred couples of people responding to the invitations. The rooms were thronged—presenting one of the largest and most social gatherings we have ever seen in town, all sections, creeds, occupations and parties being well represented. Mr. and Mrs. Cheney were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Cheney, Mrs. Phillips a sister of the bride and Mr. Cheney a brother of the groom. The ushers were H. T. Hyde, J. W. Bowker and S. S. Perry.

The whole affair was marked by an eminently social agreeable, common sense spirit and an absence of overformalism and full dress toiletts. Mr. and Mrs. Cheney received the hearty and sincere congratulations and well-wishes of their townspeople by whom they are held in high esteem for their many excellent qualities of heart and head.

Later in the evening an elaborate collation was served by L. J. Zahonyi the Worcester caterer. At various points about the rooms were floral decorations and presents from friends in various places. Among the number might be noticed an elaborate vase from the teachers of Brooklyn, Mrs. Cheney's recent associates, and a beautiful table from J. & W. Booth.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1885.

President Hyde of Bowdoin college preached his first sermon to a Brunswick audience on the 20th; and the *Telegraph*, an able, keen and sometimes merciless critic, says:

The discourse was a plain and practical address upon the importance of the formation of individual character, admirably suited to the occasion, the opening Sunday of the college year, but having as wide an application as his circle of hearers. The style of composition was scholarly and its references were equally so. But the charm was in the delivery, the president possessing a voice of remarkable compass and clearness, which he uses with excellent judgment, his enunciation being exceptionally distinct, and his action, while graceful, is vigorous and impressive. The sermon was listened to by one of the largest audiences seen in that house for many a Sunday.

Mathew Coldrick, one of the oldest residents in town, and one of the first Irishmen who settled in Southbridge, died suddenly Saturday afternoon. He was about his work as usual Friday, and started to go to work Saturday, but not feeling very well remained at home, confortably sick, dying suddenly at 6 o'clock. He was 66 years old.

THE UNFORGOTTEN DEAD.

The lessons of the war still remembered. May 30. 1882.

MEMORIAL DAY VERY GENERALLY AND APPROPRIATELY OBSERVED.

After weeks of dreary weather the sun vouchsafed a sight of his face last Tuesday, and smiled serenely on a nation bearing offerings of respect to the graves of those who risked everything for the doctrine of national unity and the dear sentiments entrusted to us by the founders of the government. In this vicinity the day passed with appropriate observance.

IN SOUTHBRIDGE

mills and business places were closed during the afternoon, and the streets were thronged with the citizens of this and other places. The procession was shorter than usual, there being no organizations in line save the band and veterans; but a long train of carriages helped to make the line of considerable length. It was as follows:

S. S. Perry, commander, with aids Benson and Robinson.
Southbridge band, Augustus Cook, leader.
Veterans, thirty men, Captain W. P. Plimpton.
Carriage with Selectmen.
Carriage with president of the day, J. M. Cochran, chaplain Rev. J. M. Avann, orator Rev. C. L. Goodell and editor of the JOURNAL.
Carriage with singers.
Citizens in carriages.

The route was substantially as given in last week's JOURNAL. At the Catholic cemetery

REV. J. M. KREMMEN

spoke briefly with such words of advice as he imagined the fallen heroes would give. He deprecated an excess of sectionalism or partisanship. It is wrong for any party to think that it has a right to the country. During the nation's peril all good citizens came to the rescue. From the days of the declaration of independence Irishmen had been found in the foremost ranks for American liberty; he hoped it would ever be so. And when the honor of American citizenship is in jeopardy the speaker trusted that the sentiment of Grand Army, of those who stood side by side with the Irish soldiers, would be against the man who sits in his easy chair and writes fine poetry, leaving American citizens in British dungeons rather than displease the titled aristocracy with whom he associates. Our country needs men with the backbone and courage of the soldier whether at the court of St. James or of other European nations. The speaker eulogized America as the greatest country on the earth—a sentiment which had increased within him since his trip to the old world and sight of some of its great nations. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Kremmen after which the graves in this cemetery were decorated.

After the exercises of decoration the procession proceeded to Oak Ridge cemetery. J. M. Cochran presided; prayer was offered by Rev. J. M. Avann; a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, Miss Josie A. Rice and C. D. Monroe, sang "Cover them over with beautiful flowers," and "The voice of peace." After this followed the

ADDRESS BY REV. C. L. GOODELL.

It was an eloquent, dramatic and appropriate oration. The speaker alluded to the two hundred years of persecution in the old world that evolved the erection of the temple of liberty on this continent, to the placing the rotten stone of slavery in its foundation; to the anti-war contests in congress, to Chas. Sumner weltering in his gore a martyr to his integrity, to Webster's plea for compromise, to Lincoln's hesitating words, to the slow growing spirit of freedom, to the secession of the South, and finally to the climax of all this the emancipation proclamation. Then followed a vivid portrayal of war scenes—recounting the hardships of camp life, Sheridan twenty miles from Winchester, Farragut lashed to the mast, the mustering out, the return home to mingle in the civil duties of life.

THE AMERICAN SOLDIER

was the fruit of a new civilization. Scholar, artisan, banker, farmer—the sons of aristocracy and the men of the street—tented together. They were no mercenaries, no adventurers. They fought for home and justice, and as they adapted themselves to the conditions of war, so at its close they at once fitted into the new conditions of peace, taking life's burdens as they left them. In noticeing the prominent new graves to decorate this year eloquent tributes were paid to the memory of Burnside and Garfield, whose memory is as pure as his own character and as lasting as the blue waves from whose shores his spirit took its flight, the brightest product of the 19th century.

The people of Southbridge were urged to build a soldiers' monument to tell its lesson in years to come, in whose shadow citizens can grow patriotic. The glorious object for which the soldier died transfigured him before us. We may admire the devotion of the man who died for a mistake, but unsurpassingly grand is that sacrifice when made for liberty. To die for the slaves in the South whose groans they had heard was but to reproduce in lesser measures the love which emptied the throne of Heaven to send a Saviour to earth. Comrades, your ranks can never be recruited and soon the last empty sleeve must pass, the last crutch be laid down, the last veteran move with muffled drum to the camping ground of the dead. But with two millions of graves and a granite sentinal on every hill your squad is complete.

The Southbridge Quadrille band has been doing considerable business lately: furnishing music for the steamer company's ball at Webster last Tuesday evening, with full orchestra and Sol. Blanchard as prompter and for the Hibernians' dance last evening with Major Walbridge for prompter. It will also play for a hop in Dresser small hall tonight. Jan 1886

Landlord Sikes of the Fiskdale House killed a large coon on the road to Southbridge Tuesday afternoon.

List of Pensioners. June. 1885

In Mr. Bates' memorial address allusion was made to the government pensioners in town. We are able to publish the list this week:

Name of Pensioner.	Cause for which Pensioned.	Monthly Rate.
Ducett, Edward.	chr. diarr.	4 00
Corey, Geo. W.	g. s. w. r. leg.	2 00
Cook, Chas. M.	g. s. w. r. arm.	4 00
Morse, George W.	g. s. w. r. ankle.	18 00
Morse, Andrew H.	g. s. w. neck.	4 00
Bailey, Ira C.	var. veins r. leg.	6 00
Williams, John S.	w. one arm.	12 00
Plimpton, William P.	g. s.w.both thighs.	8 00
Welch, Thomas.	w. r. hand.	18 00
Smith, Sarah J.	widow.	8 00
O'Brien Margarett	widow.	8 00
Nichols, Elizabeth.	widow.	8 00
Ammidown, Mary L.	widow.	15 00
Tiffany, Lavina A.	mother	8 00
Howard, Chloe.	mother.	8 00
Plimpton, Edna T.	mother.	8 00
Gleason, Mary.	mother.	8 00
Cutting, Almira B.	mother.	8 00
Kavanah, Ellen.	mother.	8 00
Marsh, Josephine M.	mother.	20 00
Deon, Anthony.	mal. poisng. diarr.	6 00
Ager, John.	g. s. w. r. thigh.	12 00
Upham, Chester O.	chr. rheum. paral.	8 00
Holmes, Frederick L.	w. lung.	8 00
Blanchard, Mary A. G.	mother	8 00
Morse, Lyman.	surv. 1812.	8 00
Whitford, Amelia H.	widow, 1812.	8 00
Phipps, Harriet.	widow, 1812.	8 00
Abbee, Lavina.	widow, 1812.	8 00

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1885.

Death of General Grant.

News of the death of General U. S. Grant was received by the telegraph operator, Miss E. P. Burton, yesterday morning about half-past eight and was promptly telephoned to the JOURNAL office, from which the news was disseminated and bulletined at the post office. In a very few moments the bell of the Congregational church was tolling, the mournful notes of the bell telling the sad story of the nation's loss to the people of the town.

It was not long before nearly every business place in town, and many public places and private residences, displayed some emblem of mourning, and both of the party flags, heavily draped, were suspended across the street.

At noon all of the church, manufactory and fire alarm bells were tolled, and at 3 o'clock there was a meeting of citizens in A. J. Bartholmew's office. It organized by choosing E. M. Phillips chairman and Geo. M. Whitaker secretary, and voted to call a meeting in the town hall this evening at 8 o'clock to arrange for a public memorial service.

Ebenezer Leach, formerly of this town, died of heart disease at Holyoke on Thursday the 17th. Mr. Leach was one of the 34th Mass. troops. The remains were brought here for interment. Apr. 1884.

We had a call yesterday from Dr. F. T. Alba (Albee) of Newark, N. J., who was a resident of Southbridge fifty years ago. He was surprised and pleased at the growth of the town.

Obituary.

By a strange coincidence two old residents and prominent citizens, living on the same street in town, and within a stone's throw of each other, have passed on into the great unknown world during the past week. Their deaths leave a large gap in the list of our leading and influential citizens.

MANNING LEONARD

died on Friday. He was born in Sturbridge, June 1, 1814. His early years were spent on his father's farm. Having completed his education in Amherst academy, he taught school in South Amherst. From 1832 to 1844 he was in business in New York and the Western states. From 1844 to 1863 he was interested in the Central mills. In 1864 he spent several months abroad. He had held the offices of auditor, assessor, selectman, school committee, library committee, and was representative to the general court in 1869. He had been a director of the Southbridge National bank since 1849. He was also a prominent member of the Congregational church, and was also greatly interested in local history and genealogy. He had been an invalid for many years, but had of late failed quite rapidly, and his death seemed very sudden. The funeral services were held at his late residence Monday, a large number of business men, bank officers, manufacturers and old residents being present, in addition to the immediate family and relatives. The exercises were conducted by Rev. Messrs. Danielson, Fullerton and Easterbrook. Appropriate remarks were made by the two former.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Savings bank held Saturday the following resolutions were adopted:

The board of trustees of the Southbridge Savings bank in the recent death of Manning Leonard, clerk of the corporation continuously since its organization in the year 1848, realize the loss of an efficient and faithful officer and an esteemed and leading citizen of this community. We trace the history of the growth and prosperous condition of this institution to the eminent character of its founders and the prudent, conservative and watchful spirit of its managers, among whom *none* has been more conspicuous in his devotion to its welfare, or constant in the discharge of official duty, than the deceased clerk, therefore,

Resolved, That this memorial of his service to this bank, be placed upon its records and a copy thereof be sent to his family as a testimonial of our high regard for his memory and of our sympathy with them in these hours of their sorrow and affliction with this sudden bereavement.

Resolved, That this bank attend the funeral services at half past one o'clock on Monday next and that this bank be closed from that hour to three o'clock p. m.

Appropriate resolutions were also adopted by the directors of the National bank.

Since the above was in type a correspondent has handed in the following:

To the Editor of the Southbridge Journal:

Manning Leonard was born in Sturbridge, Mass., June 1, 1814. He was the fifth child and the second son in a family of seven. His father, Rev. Zenas Lockwood Leonard, was settled over the Baptist church in Sturbridge, where he preached until 1832. He died in 1841. His mother, Sally Fiske, was a descendant of the first settlers of Sturbridge, after whom "Fiske hill," in the eastern part of the town, was called.

The early life of the subject of this sketch was passed upon his father's farm. He there learned those habits of industry and self-reliance which he possessed to so remarkable a degree through the whole of his long life. His education was obtained in the common schools of his native town and in Amherst academy. His strong inclination for an active business life led him to go to New York, where he found employment as clerk in the dry goods house of Tiffany, Anderson & Co. In 1835 he went West and commenced business in Indiana. In 1841 he returned to Massachusetts, where in association with Chester A. Dresser he carried on the business of manufacturing cotton cloth and delaines at the Central mills in Southbridge.

In 1863 ill health forced Mr. L. to retire from active business. Since then until his death he resided at his home on Elm street in Southbridge.

September 15, 1840, Mr. Leonard married Mary F. Ammidown, daughter of Ebenezer D. and Rebekah (Fisher) Ammidown. Seven children were born to them, five of whom—two sons and three daughters—are now living.

Manning Leonard was a man of rare qualities. As a business man he was remarkably energetic and reliable. His word was as good as his bond. His unswerving honesty and integrity made him respected by all his business associates. While he was conservative in his business methods he did not lack that enterprise which insures success. He never rushed into any scheme because it promised large returns, but carefully investigated before taking any steps. After a full investigation and the forming of a conclusion he was persistent in his purpose until it was accomplished. He was a methodical man. Every hour had its own duties, which were punctually performed. Success in business came to him because he earned it and deserved it.

In public life Mr. Leonard occupied a high place. At different times he was called by his fellow-citizens to fill almost all the local offices in their gift. He took a most active part in the establishment of a free public library, and was an efficient member of the library committee from the foundation of the library in 1871 to 1885. For many years he was secretary of the committee, and his records are models of conciseness and neatness. In 1869 he represented his district in the general court of the commonwealth. He filled the office of justice of the peace from 1849 to 1883. The duties of every public office he ever held were discharged with fidelity to the best interests of the community he served, and with honor to himself. He was a prime mover in the establishment of the Southbridge Savings bank, and was elected clerk of the corporation from 1848, when it was organized, to the time of his death. He was a director in the Southbridge National bank, a position he held since 1849. Both these financial institutions deplore the loss of a keen, far-sighted man, whose services, freely rendered, were of inestimable value to them in the safe conduct of their business.

Mr. Leonard early became interested in the subject of religion. In 1842, with his wife, he joined the Second Presbyterian church at Madison, Ind., and ever after was a devout and consistent Christian. He was a constant attendant upon public worship and contributed liberally toward the support of the gospel. His Christianity was broad enough to embrace all those who recognize a common Master in the Great Head of the church.

Mr. Leonard was eminently patriotic. In the dark hours of the civil war his faith that right would triumph never waned. He always voted as he prayed and took a firm stand for what he considered politically right.

Though not ostentatious in his giving Mr. Leonard was generous. He felt a profound interest in the labors of educational and missionary societies and was ever ready to aid them by every means in his power.

He was particularly fond of local history, and was a life member of the Worcester Society of Antiquity and the New England Historical-Genealogical Society.

In the winter of 1884-5 he was prostrated by a severe sickness, and although he partially rallied still he never recovered his strength. His last illness was not of long duration, but he suffered greatly. On Friday, July 31, surrounded by his family, he passed away. His funeral was attended at his late home on Monday, August 3, by a large number of relatives and friends. All mourned as at the loss of one whose place would be hard to fill. In his death the community loses a large-hearted, philanthropic citizen. His family lose a devoted husband and a kind and indulgent father.

His life furnishes an example worthy of imitation. He was evidently a self-made man, and the story of his life should be a stimulus to all, especially the young, to live up to the standard of excellence which he attained.

G. H. M.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The singing class will meet as usual next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The class in penmanship meets Saturday evening at 7 instead of 7:30 o'clock.

Song service in Edwards Opera house next Sunday evening at 7:45. Rev. G. Easterbrook of Hyde Park will be present and give the address. All are invited to be present.

The fourth entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. course, consisting of an illustrated lecture by William I. Marshall, proved very pleasant and instructive. A larger audience was present than at any previous entertainment of the series.

Next week Thursday evening a joint committee meeting of all the committees of the association, except the ladies' auxiliary, will be held at the association parlor, beginning at 7:30. A brief written report will be expected from each committee, stating the progress and condition of the special work under its care. All members of committees are urged to be present.

Young men's meeting Monday night at 7:45. Subject, "Nor by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." I Cor. i: 26–31; II Chron. xx: 15–17. At half past 8 the same evening the workers' bible class will meet in the association parlor. All young men are cordially invited to these meetings.

Resolutions.

Whereas, We the delegates of the New England United District Ancient Order of Foresters, in district meeting assembled on the 28th and 29th days of October 1886, in the town of Southbridge, Mass., having received, at the hands of the brothers of Court Southbridge, No. 6526, a most hearty and cordial welcome, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the officers and delegates tender to the officers and brothers of Court Southbridge, No. 6526, A. O. F., our hearty acknowledgements, for the kind and generous treatment and friendly feeling extended to us during our visit to their town. And we also desire to tender our sincere thanks to Chief Ranger, Bro. J. J. Curry, F. Sect'y Bro. P. M. Dalton and D. D. C. R. Bro. Mullen for their personal attention to the delegates.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered on the records and inserted in the local papers.

Respectfully submitted in M. B. and C.,

J. H. SULLIVAN, Court North Star, Holyoke.

J. P. ABBOTT, Court Tremont, Boston.

C. W. MULLEN, Court Wendell Phillips, Boston.

Baptist Conference.

The 64th annual meeting of the Worcester Baptist association was held in this town Wednesday and yesterday. It was largely attended. Over two hundred persons were present from out of town, and many here attended the session, the Wednesday evening being particularly full. The hospitality of the local society was put to the test, which it stood in admirable manner. The conference was one of the best that has ever been held. An excellent hopeful and enthusiastic spirit was manifest. The general tenor of the reports showed a good condition of the churches, especially in benevolent work. The delegates were very much pleased with the appearance of the town. The following is a more detailed report of the meeting:

The meeting was called to order by Rev. A. G. Upham, moderator of last year, at 11:15 a. m. Wednesday. After devotional exercises the annual sermon was preached by Rev. D. W. Hoyt of Millbury from Rev. 2:10. The preacher allowed the text to suggest to the people: 1st. The position of their God in their universe, "By whom are all things, for whom are all things." 2d. The purpose of their God towards his creatures. "To bring many sons into glory." 3d. The spirit's justification of the way of redemption by suffering. It becomes him, etc., etc. After the sermon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. B. D. Marshall D. D., moderator; Rev. B. H. Lane, clerk; Dea. W. Ward, treasurer. After listening to the reading of a few of the letters, the association adjourned for refreshments which were supplied in the vestry, choice and abundant.

From 1:15 to 2 p. m., the Women's Foreign Missionary society held a meeting, Mrs. C. G. Goodrich, associated secretary, presided. Prayer was offered by Miss Vose of Worcester; and it was voted to hold the annual meeting with the ladies of the First Baptist church, Worcester, in November, on the basket plan. Mrs. Bowers of Clinton, state secretary, in a clear and forcible manner presented the claims of missions in an address that emphasized the words; "For Christ's sake and the Gospel's."

The association met at 2 p. m. to finish the reading of the letters, after which the doctrinal sermon was preached by Rev J. J. Miller of Worcester, upon the subject, Santification. It was an able effort and received close attention.

It was followed by an address on State convention work by Rev. H. F. Lane of Worcester.

In the evening there was a devotional meeting from 7 to 7:30, led Dea. A. A. White of North Uxbridge. This was followed by a discussion of laymen's opportunities and responsibilities in church work. It was opened by Rev. H. A. Rogers of Worcester and Bro. Geo. C. Whitney, and was followed by a free discussion, which was sharp and interesting.

Yesterday morning there was a prayer meeting from 8:30 to 9:30, led by Rev. T. M. Butler of North Uxbridge. At 9:30 came reports of committees, followed by a sermon by Rev. H. B. Parshly of Westboro from Matt. xiii: 33. His subject was the growth of the kingdom of heaven, a present inspiration to the preacher. This was followed by an address by Thos. DeCruchy on French Protestant missionary work.

In the afternoon there was a free conference, in which there was a general participation on the state of the churches and the prospects for the coming year. A collection was taken for the French work.

A general spirit of readiness for work pervaded the meetings. A resolution was adopted recommending special temperance work in Sunday schools.

The next meeting will probably be held with the First Baptist church of Worcester.

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Obituary.

The town losses one of its oldest and best citizens in the death of Leonard Cheney, who died at his residence in Globe Village, on Tuesday afternoon, March 24th, he was born in Southbridge in 1806, and from childhood to old age has been highly respected and esteemed in his moral, religious and business life. For thirty years he held the position as funeral director in this town and was found a willing helper under all circumstance. He entered the employ of the Hamilton Woolen Co., when they were first organized, he also worked in the old mill before their organization. He was also one of the first Methodists in this section and the first class leader this M. E. church ever had He joined the M. E. church in 1858 and was held as a highly esteemed member. He lived to the good old age of 78 years, and in his death he leaves numerous relatives and friends who deeply mourn their loss.

Among the Churches.

Last Sabbath morning Rev. J. M. Avann spoke in a very interesting manner to the children of his congregation on the boyhood of Jesus.

Rev. F. Magwire, preached from the text "Who then can be saved, but Jesus beheld them and said unto them with men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." By way of introduction the speaker alluded to some of the misrepresentations of Universalism, many thinking that it was an easy road for the sinner, who could do anything and yet be saved, while the fact is there is no more inexorable doctrine. The believers in endless punishment differ much among themselves, according to the age of the world and their temperament. The melancholy man thinks only a very few will be saved, while the sanguine man expects that a great majority of mankind will escape endless perdition. In one age unbaptised infants are believed to be eternally dammed; in an other all heathen are supposed to be lost. The Roman Catholic thinks all protestants will be doomed to the never ending fire, while protestants return the compliment by sending the Catholics to the same torment. The Russians think all Jews will be endlessly punished. The speaker claimed that the higher the motive the better the life would be, and that Universalism benefitted the world by presenting the highest motives for a good life—the love of goodness, rather than the fear of hell. He believed that universal salvation was taught by the Bible, and told the story of the young man who told his Baptist father that he had got hold of a universalist book. The parent sternly forbad him to read it, but investigation showed that it was the Bible. The truth of universalism is proved 1st, By the character of God. On this point the speaker quoted at much length from the scriptures to show the loving and merciful nature of the Divine Being. 2d, By the revelation of Heaven. Liberal quotations were made from the book of Revelations in substantiation of this.

Miss Clara L. Ham of Lewiston, Me., Bates College class of '85, has been engaged as first assistant in the high school and the office of second assistant will doubtless be abolished.

A private letter from Geo. A. Dresser says that he is laying 1200 feet of pipe per day at Macon, Ga., for R. D. Wood & Co., of Philadelphia. The laborers are mostly blacks. The trenches are only three feet deep, and there are to be about seven miles.

On the Life and Death of
WILLIAM W. CORBIN,
Editor and Proprietor of the Southbridge Herald.

On Thursday morning, Dec. 25th. the spirit of William W. Corbin, editor, proprietor and founder of the Southbridge HERALD took its flight. After one week of pain and suffering he rests from the trials and sufferings of this mortal life, and puts on the cloak of immortality, he first came to Southbridge in 1872 as an apprentice in the *Journal* office serving in that position two years and eleven months when the office was burned. He feeling that there was more to be learned than could be attained in a country office of that kind went to a city office to complete his trade. Serving in a number of offices and learning the different branches until he considered himself competent to launch out in the world for himself, in 1878 he started a job office in this place, and amid the censure of his competitors and limitation of capital, he unlike many fought his way honorably and manfully, onward step by step he advanced to the conquering end, in this way he gained the friendship of all who watched his slow but never tiring efforts, often when friends came to him to aid him, he turned to them with a thank you if success is mine it must be earned by me, in 1880 he started a small paper called the *Transcript* which through lack of probity on the part of some others connected he was obliged to give up, but by perseverance he rallied from this always paying one hundred cents on a dollar, and in 1881 he started the Southbridge HERALD which has been gradually growing larger and its circulation growing wider until it stands on a solid and firm foundation; a proud monument for its faithful founder. The great and noticible feature of his life was his genial and cordial ways to all, with malice toward none, to everybody he extended a hand of friendship, he was never heard to speak ill against anyone, not even the few who tried to undermind him, he always wished them well, and in his death the community lost a faithful worker in what ver he undertook. He leaves a bereaved father and mother, brother and sister, who deeply mourn his loss, who watched by him through his sickness with that anxiety that parents brothers and sisters only know. And at last be broken by the dark monster, "death," and further driven into sorrow. The funeral took place on Sunday Dec. 28, at the residence of his father William Corbin of Dudley, a number of his friends from Southbridge attended, notwithstanding the unfavorable appearance of the weather; also hosts of his old acquaintances from Webster, Charlton and Dudley, and expressed their deep felt sympathies in a very touching manner. The remains were interred in the Dudley cemetery, beside two brothers and a sister, who have passed on before, he being the fourth one in the family who has died in early manhood and womanhood. Although his body lays cold in death, he leaves behind an untarnished name, an example which if we immitate we can rest assured in the fact that there is no higher or surer road to success. With sadness we review his short career and wonder why he should be taken from us, we can only say, "thy will oh God, not ours, be done."

—The lighting had its revenge last evening in this vicinity by striking the old and unoccupied mill in Westville. The alarm of fire was first given from steamer No. 2 house at 9:40 and the other end of the town soon answered the call. Steamer No. 2 had a steam of water on the fire in twenty-five minutes and No. 1 five minutes later, which was very good time considering the distance of two miles from their houses; the mill is a total loss, but the firemen saved all surrounding buildings. This mill was undoubtedly entitled to the honor of being the first cotton works in this vicinity, which was in 1812, when it was run by a stock company, but only for a few years as a depression of trade caused the stopping of the works, and it was only run occasionly afterwards until Mr. Ballard purchased the same in 1853 and made thorough repairs and carried on the satin tte business until 1871 when it was purchased by the Hamilton Woolen company who are the present owners. There has been no manufacturing of any kind done there since it was purchased by them.

Personal.

Alfred E. Cole has started on a trip to Colorado.

John Ellis, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is at home on a visit.

Rev. De Witt H. de and wife are visiting relatives in town.

Rev. Joseph Danielson returned last Monday from his vacation.

Geo. B. Congdon and family are visiting their relatives here.

Miss Hattie Gardner of Willimantic is visiting Miss Myra Brown.

Mrs. H. N. Carpenter is now visiting her sister, Mrs. F. Smith in Spencer.

Capt. Jed. Pressey, of New York, is visiting his brother-in-law, A. S. Buell.

F. L. Chapin and wife have been spending a few days at Narragansett Pier.

Mrs. Benj. Smith, of Grand Rapids, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. H. Bigelow.

W. J. McGilpin has been appointed Deputy Grand Master of District 66, I. O. O. F.

Misses Hattie and Emma Morse of Hartford, Conn., are visiting Miss Jane Morse.

H. B. Dresser and family have left town for their future residence in Sherman, Texas.

Horace Eaton and family, of Providence, formerly of Southbridge, are visiting friends here.

Mrs. H. N Carpenter and Miss Emma Calvert have been visiting at Providence and Newport.

Dr. Wm. Lamb has been practising the piscatorial art on the sylvan confines of Lake Choubungamugbungamugagog.

Minnie E. Hargraves, M. D., of the Woman's Medical college, Philadelphia, is making a short visit to her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ryan, parents of J. and T. Ryan, having a family successfully located in this country, have decided to spend their remaining days with their sons. They arrived on the S. S. Scythia last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Marsh of Saunemin, Ill., have come to New England to visit the home of their childhood and their many relations and friends here. They went to Illinois twenty-eight years ago from Southbridge.

Superintendent Harper attended the teachers' convention at Clinton last Saturday and participated in the discussions.

Enlisted for the War.

The drama by the young people of the Universalist society, last Tuesday evening, was well attended, and the actors achieved great praise for their efforts. The leading part was taken by Miss Florence King with much grace, spirit and a fine appreciation of the sentiment of the character. Ernest Winter, as the hero, played his part in a manly, straight-forward way. Herbert R. Beecher showed a careful study of his character, and, particularly in the last scene, some good acting. G. Clarence Winter had a hard part, but was fully equal to the emergency. Miss Josie A. Rice personated an old lady with much dignity and success. Miss Mary Ellis acquitted herself creditably, being perfectly at home on the stage. Julius S. Dresser fairly surprised everyone in the apt way he took his part. While Harry C. Winter in a splendid make up, as the colored servant kept the house in a roar. That the old war spirit is not all dead was evidenced by the applause given Gen. Grant—C. S. Edmunds. W. S. Robinson won credit in the part of the Colonel. The play was well cast; much study had been given to the sentiment of the piece; the stage work was done with care but very easily, and our people have reason to be well pleased at such a fine showing of local talent. The music was by Mrs. H. N. Carpenter and Miss Mary Pellett. One scene was painted expressly for the occasion by Herbert R. Beecher.

The Milford *Journal* of this week publishes the following, which will be of interest in this town: Oct. 11. 1882.

On last week Wednesday afternoon, nearly fifty persons, mostly neighbors and immediate relatives, assembled at the residence of Isaac Cushing on Claflin street to witness the ceremony as performed by Rev. O. S. Dean whereby John W. Bowker of Southbridge, and Miss Annie, daughter of Mr. Cushing, were united in the holy bands of matrimony. The parlors were tastily decorated with flowers, making the scene still more attractive to friends. At precisely 4 o'clock the impressive ceremony was performed, and the usual congratulations were then in order. After these were finished, the guests partook of a collation. The happy couple left town over the Hopkinton railroad at 6 o'clock, bound for Boston, following which a short New England trip was taken. The bride is a young lady well known in Milford, and possesses a large circle of friends who will wish her much happiness in her new home. Mr. Bowker is a brother of Mrs. John P. Pratt, who has been a resident of Southbridge for a long time, holding a responsible position in a large manufacturing concern in that place. The presents were many and nice, showing the appreciation in which the bride was held by her intimates and relatives.

Children's Day at the Methodist.

Last Sunday was observed at the Methodist church as children's day. Considerable time and expense were put into decorating the auditorium, which received many compliments. Heavy lambrequins of hemlock hung in front of the pulpit arch. In the center of the lambrequin was a harp of nearly white flowers, above which was a white dove apparently swooping down on the flowers below. An arch of laurel on evergreen standards stood on the front of the platform, with another white dove resting on the top of the arch. Quite a number of choice hot-house plants were tastefully scattered about the pulpit. There was not as great a profusion of cut flowers as usual, although in the evening they were very prettily arranged on a plant stand at the back of the platform. Above these was a cross of roses presented by the Universalist Sunday school. A fifteen jet chandelier, arranged for the occasion, was hung from the center of the house. Over the front of the gallery was suspended a half wreath of laurel on a green base and a floral cross in center. The decorations were under charge of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Litchfield.

Rev. G. Beekman spoke particularly to the children in the morning, pointing out the evils to be avoided and urging them to grow up good and useful men and women.

The concert in the evening was one of the best ever held there. The following is the program:

Organ voluntary.
Singing, "O, that I had wings." .....Choir.
Recitation, "Our church," *D. F. Walcott.*
Lucy McKinstry.
Children's day .....Fred. W. Beekman.
Singing, "Glad hosanna,".....School.
Prayer.
Reading.....Miss Walker.
Singing.....Choir.
Concert exercise, "Wonderful children's day."
Inez Baylies, Ethel Martin, Flossie Miller.
Recitation, "This and that,"..... Hattie Marcy.
Recitation.....Belle Cooper.
Singing.....School.
Concert exercise, "Feed my lambs,"....12 boys.
Recitation.....Harry F. Beekman.
Recitation.....Carrie Armes.
Reading.....Miss Silverthorne.
Song, "Child's prayer," ... Edgar Butterworth.
Concert exercise, "Trees of the bible,"
Eight young ladies.
Recitation, "Little heads in the pen,"
Albert Clarke.
Recitation, "Consider the lilies,". Willie Olney.
Duet..... .Misses Annie and Katie Abbott.
Recitation.....Edith Miller.
Recitation, "The changed cross,"
Miss Carrie E. Butterworth.
Valedictory.....Worth Brackett.
Address .....Pastor.

The recitation, "Our church," was repeated by request at the close of the program. While the program was all good and well carried out, "The changed cross" and the valedictory were particularly good. June 17. 83.

The daily papers have learned that the insurance companies will rebuild the Columbian mills, instead of paying the insurance. Aug. 1884

The Universalist Church. Dec. 1882

The repairs and improvements on the Universalist church were completed by dint of much effort at the last, in order to have the building ready for occupancy the Sunday following Christmas.

An old building, like an old garment, requires judgment in remodeling, and the task is more difficult than making new. Much credit is due to the taste and decisions of the committee on repairs—S. Dresser, C. S. Edmonds, Hartwell Hobbs, Dan'l Whitford and Wm. C. Barnes, who have included in their work so many changes with so pleasing a result. The principal features are the removal of the old windows and blinds in both church and vestry and the substitution of those of ground glass with stained glass border. The matter of moving the organ to the front of the auditorium was discussed and the project abandoned; therefore the central portion of the gallery was cut away and the organ lowered. The choir gallery is reached from the auditorium, which arrangement also brings the choir nearer the audience.

The pews after being widened and stained to imitate cherry have been furnished with new cushions upholstered with wine-colored damask.

The frescoing is entirely different from that in other churches in this vicinity. The prevailing tint upon the walls is terra cotta and the ceiling is a shade of blue, which is very pleasing to the eye; the artistic decorations on the walls and ceiling can not easily be described, but the effect is unique and receives many compliments.

Minor improvements were the renovation of the chandeliers, the enlargement of the pulpit platform, a new carpet for the same and new book-cases for Sunday school use. Below in the vestry kalsomine and paint have been used freely, the kitchen enlarged, water brought in from the Southbridge Water Supply company's mains, a new range purchased, also new tables built, and a gift received of a supply of table linen.

The outside of the church has received two coats of paint, and the work of repairing may be said to be very thoroughly done.

The cushions, vestry improvements and new carpeting have been the contribution of the Ladies' Sewing society, and the funds for the other work has been met by liberal contributions, showing that there is no lack of life and interest in the society.

Last Sabbath morning Rev. F. Magwire after aptly alluding to the improvements in the church, took the occasion to explain why the Universalist church exists and why it is deserving support. His text was "What think ye of Christ", and the Universalist creed was fully explained. We are compelled to omit our report of it by reason of crowd of other matter.

In the evening there was a concert by the Sunday school. These were appropriate Christmas and New Year's recitations, and a brief address by the Superintendent, Mr. Whitaker, alluding to the appropriateness of rededicating the church at this season. There was excellent music by the choir and school under direction of the chorister, J. F. B. Litchfield, and vocal solos by Ernest Winter and Miss Florence I. King.

At the annual dinner of the Alumni of Andover Theological seminary last week Thursday, Rev. Silvanus Hayward read an original poem, the introductory lines of which were:

Hail to the hill where science smiles
And piety adores.
Where eager youth in ceaseless files
To ranks of manhood pour.

Two Pleasant Gatherings

Last July the ladies of Union church, furnished an entertainment for the elderly portion of the society; the afternoon being spent in a social way; after which a bountiful collation was served: in the evening some of the young people entertained them with appropriate music, tableaux, etc. It proved so pleasant an occasion it increased the desire to have another sociable, still more informal: accordingly a large number of all ages from the same society surprised their chorister, Mr. P. T. Litchfield, by meeting at his house last Thursday evening. Dr. Curtis was chosen to present him with one hundred and fifty-three dollars as a testimonial of regard and appreciation of his services, The doctor fitly accompanied the gift with reminiscences of the past, to which Mr. Litchfield responded with feelings of surprise and pleasure; accepting it as a token of confidence and friendship. Remarks were also made by S. T. Cutting, who alluded to the high esteem in which Mr. Litchfield is held, not only in his own town but also in neigboring ones; he, having heard people say they were well paid for a ride to Southbridge by hearing him lead a congregation in singing. The evening was stormy and the travelling bad, but the complete success of the gathering was largely due to Mr. Andrew Hall, who with his characteristic liberality, furnished free conveyance to all who wished; he also cheerfully assisted much in entertaining the company. All present could but hope that our chorister may long live to lead in our service of song, and when the Master wills, may he go to join with glad heart and voice in the song of the redeemed H.

One of Southbridge's Successful Sons.

The recent death of two of our prominent citizens has diverted attention and thought to the kind of men that the town develops and gives to the world. A correspondent made this the topic of a whole article a few weeks since, and it is deserving of more attention. Of the men who have received their training in our educational and mercantile institutions and given credit to the town no one is better known and no one has been more successful than Jacob Edwards, who is still living and who, by his daily example of financial sagacity, close attention to business and unostentatious life, is still a practical and forcible example to many of the young men of the day.

We might add, by way of digression, a word about the Edwards family—the brothers John, William and Jacob, who have perhaps done more than any other three men to bring the town into prominence. The late John Edwards built up the dry goods business that made his name and the town a household word for many miles in every direction. The block which now bears his name, the elegant mansion at the corner of Main and Everett streets, and gas manufacturing here are all evidences of his far-sighted sagacity and thought. William Edwards as promoter of many building enterprises also deserves great credit for the prominent part he has borne in the development of the town; he was also very prominent and influential in securing a railroad to the town. He is still active and every year adding to the number of buildings in town. He has constructed over seventy buildings in town.

Jacob Edwards, when twenty years old, entered the employ of Holmes and Luther Ammidown, where he remained till 1835, when he went into business for himself with his brother William. They built the block now occupied by Paige & Company in 1837, and continued in business till 1852. That year Jacob Edwards went to Boston, and in company with Messrs. Richards and Nichols formed the house of Edwards, Nichols & Richards, who bought out and succeeded Holmes Ammidown. Mr. Edwards continued in the dry goods jobbing business till 1866, when he retired to devote his attention more exclusively to banking. He had been elected director of the Southbridge state bank in October, 1844, and was its president from Nov. 29, 1852, to Oct. 13, 1862. In 1866 he was elected a director of the National Bank of Redemption at Boston, the board being made up of directors of country banks. In January, 1877, he was elected president of the Southbridge National bank. He has remained in both positions ever since.

His rare business ability has made his services continually in demand, and he has been added to the board of management of one and another of the great enterprises of the day till the number is almost legion. In 1878 the Bates Manufacturing company of Lewiston, one of the largest corporations in Maine, was reorganized and Mr. Edwards was chosen treasurer, a position which he has since held. The corporation pays regular dividends in spite of the business depression. He is also a director in some half dozen or more of the other large Lewiston corporations.

In 1882 a number of Boston capitalists bought the Sprague mills at Augusta, Me., and formed the Edwards Manufacturing company—named from Jacob Edwards, and chose him treasurer.

Aside from his manufacturing interests, and banking connections with the Southbridge bank and the Bank of Redemption, he is one of the directors of the New England Trust company, one of the most successful moneyed institutions ever started in Boston.

He is also largely interested in railroading, having been a director in the Rutland and Central Vermont roads, and being at present a director in the Mexican Central and Florida Southern lines. He is also a director of, or interested in, a number of other institutions—as special partner or otherwise.

Aside from these official responsibilities it is probable that his advice is more sought than that of any other business man in Boston, as his reputation is very high for wise conservative financial judgment.

Mr. Edwards lives in Brookline (Longwood), maintaining in all his affluence and position the same simple tastes that he possessed when a resident of this town, caring nothing for display or personal fame.

His continued interest in his old home is evidenced by his willingness to cooperate with Mr. Ammidown in enlarging the public library and his recent gift of a drinking fountain. Such men are a credit to the town and we should take pride in honoring them, regretting only that there are not more of similar ability and enterprise.

Southbridge, Mass., June 9, 1882.

Obituary.

Mrs. William Shelton nee Semira Towne, for many years a resident of Southbridge, died May 23, at Butte city, Montana. About three months ago she was taken sick from a tumorous abcess, but hopes of her recovery were entertained until a few days before her death. The sweetness of her disposition and her bright sunny home life rendered her attractive to a large circle of friends in Southbridge, Nevada and the place of her death. She was the sister of A. N. Towne, superintendent of the Central Pacific, and had a son in the employ of that company in Ogden, who with his aunt, Mrs. Geo. Marsh, of Ills., a twin sister of the deceased, were with her at the time of her death. Her remains were intered in Charlton last week Wednesday.

Mrs. Julius S. Gleason died last Saturday, after a very brief illness. She was a person of very amiable disposition and an enthusiastic worker for the Union church and society. The funeral which was held at the church Tuesday was largely attended by an extended circle of friends and relatives from this and other towns.

SOUTHBRIDGE INDUSTRIES.

Hamilton Woolen Company. II

In previous articles we have noticed the early history of manufactures at what is now Globe Village, and showed the small beginnings of what is now an industry of national reputation, an industry that owns in round numbers one third of the whole town, and an industry on whose prosperity the welfare of Southbridge is largely dependent.

The Hamilton Woolen company was incorporated Jan. 17, 1831, with a capital of $200,000. Samuel A. Hitchcock was elected president, and he came to Southbridge to take charge of the affairs of the company. The name was selected as a tribute to the financial sagacity of Alexander Hamilton, and the company's affairs have ever been managed in a way not to belie the name. The product for the first year of operations was 40,778 yards of broadcloth. The company started with five sets of machinery and twenty-eight looms. In 1836 Mr. Hitchcock retired from active business and Samuel L. Fiske became resident agent. The same year the "big mill" was begun, and the "big dam" raised three feet and strengthened. The next year the mill was finished and stocked with machinery. The company then had 10 sets of machinery and 60 broad looms.

The history of the company has been one of continual growth with no back steps. In 1844 the manufacture of delaines was added to that of broadcloth, and the wooden mill near the big dam was built for making cotton warps.

In 1845 the capital stock was increased to $500,000, in consequence of the demands made by this increase of the production. The first set of directors under the reorganization was Oliver Dean, Josiah Stickney, Wm. J. Walker, Willard Sayles and Gardner Brewer.

In 1846 Mr. Fiske retired from the management of the affairs of the company after having prominently identified himself with the interests of the town. With his departure began what has been known as the "Ballard regime," as for a generation the resident agent was Joshua Ballard and his brother Gayton. The former began his services here in 1846. The same year the company was authorized to increase its capital stock to an amount not to exceed $1,000,000. The next year the printing of delaines was begun, the old mill built by the Walcott woolen company having been fitted up for that purpose, and Mr. Dalton appointed superintendent of that department.

In 1849 the paid in capital was increased to $600,000, and the brick cotton warp mill near the dam was built to furnish facilities for the increasing business in delaines.

In 1850 the big mill was burnt at a loss estimated at $180,000. The fire was incendiary and suspicion pointed strongly to a discharged operative, but a rigid investigation by the insurance companies failed to get at any positive evidence. This fire caused a gloomy outlook for the town and particularly for the operatives who were thereby thrown out of work in mid winter. But they were given employment in removing the debris, and the plucky company had a new mill built the next season larger than before, the southeast wing having been added. That year John R. Brewer was elected treasurer, the manufacture of broadcloths given up and the production of cassimeres commenced.

Col. Geo. Davis, in his history of Sturbridge and Southbridge, says of the Hamilton Woolen company's business at this time:

> The product of those mills, during the year ending June 1, 1855, in manufactured delaines, was 4,400,000 yards. The hands employed were 545—9,000 cotton spindles, and 9,000 worsted spindles, with 18 sets of worsted cards. The cotton manufactured was 330,000 lbs., and wool 530,000, valued at $440,000. Also 148,000 yards of cassimere, valued at about $110,000. 100 hands and 6 sets of machines are employed, and 155,000 pounds of wool are manufactured into this article. The delaines printed, as before staetd, were about 4,400,000 yards, valued at $700,000.

About 1860-1 great additions and changes were made in the print works, and Andrew Hall succeeded John Crossley as superintendent. About the same time the new mill on River street was built for the manufacture of cotton cloth and the big dam was strengthened. In 1864 the cotton machinery in the new mill was removed and replaced by delaine machinery. In 1865 the agent, Joshua Ballard, was promoted to the treasurership, and his brother, Gayton Ballard, elected agent. The Holland reservoir was constructed that year for rendering the water power of the river more constant.

In 1866 the transportation of the company amounted to 6,348 tons; and it employed 1,137 persons, paying for labor about $25,500 per month. That year it manufactured 7,107,603 yards of delaines, 328,700 yards of cassimeres and 6,307 double shawls.

In 1874 the company increased its available water power by raising the "big dam," canals, etc., to the "new mill." At this time the old breast wheel in the "big mill" gave place to an improved turbine.

About this time marked changes were made in the style of the goods produced. The demand for delaines had fallen off on account of the changing tastes in ladies' dress goods, so that the delaine printing department was greatly reduced. It is now chiefly used in the printing of reps. Facilities for dyeing goods were added and the production of alpacas commenced. The print works was increased in capacity by the addition of a calico department, and now the Knickerbocker prints are a standard brand.

In 1876 Mr. Ballard resigned the agency and John Tatterson succeeded him. In 1880 the company increased its capital to $1,000,000 and purchased the celebrated Salisbury mills for the manufacture of print cloths and also woolens.

This brief sketch gives some of the more important items in the affairs of the Hamilton Woolen company. In addition to these items of growth, there has been a steady increase in less important matters. Hardly a year has passed without the erection of new houses for employees, or the purchase of more land, or the addition of new machines in order to perfect and complete the facilities for doing business. Some of the most important of these have been the introduction of steam power, the purchases of the Westville property and the Paige privilege, the construction of the "new village," tenements on Mill and other streets, the development of an agricultural department and last the erection of an elegant residence for the agent.

In matters of town improvement the policy of the company has ever been conservative on account of its large taxes; yet it has not been niggardly, as the library established in 1860 and the church edifice constructed in 1867, bear witness.

Obituary.

When a good man dies the people mourn. This is eminently true of the circle of relatives and other acquaintances of the late Lyman Chamberlain. Being manly and just, he was happy in his domestic relations, and in peace and harmony with his neighbors. He lived his simple, unpretentions, and exemplary life, highly esteemed by all, and a good pattern to remember and follow in the moral relations of life. He will be remembered and sorrowfully missed by all who knew him.

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IX.

WOOLEN MANUFACTURE.—Continued.

This year (1865) Gayton Ballard succeeded his brother Joshua as agent, having been appointed when Joshua Ballard accepted the office of treasurer, and removed to Boston.

The affairs of the company, under the management of Mr. Joshua Ballard, for nineteen years as agent, were most successfully and profitably conducted and met the approval of the corporation in every particular.

His frequent voyages to Europe for the purpose of examining English worsted machinery and his many purchases of such new inventions as he found best adapted to the manufacture of mousline de laines in this country, are good evidence of the confidence the corporation had in his good judgment of what was for their best interests.

The new mill near the depot contained at this time 288 looms, and the old (big) mill 432, which number, 720, were mostly used for weaving of plain and "rept" mousline de laines.

For many years the company had given much attention to improvements tending to increase the water power of the Quinebaug river, and at this time perfected arrangements with parties and corporations upon the stre[illegible] (from whom they received small [illegible]tributions,) by which a large in[illegible] of water-supply was obtained.

A large reservoir was constru[illegible] in the town of Holland, flowing at high water mark an area of 445 acres, 425⅓ acres in Massachusetts, and 19⅔ acres in Connecticut. The dam in Holland is 12 feet in height and 150 feet in length. The work was not let out to the lowest bidder by contract, but was constructed by honest *day labor*, under the personal supervision and direction of Geo. A. Dresser, to whom instructions were given to build a *safe* dam, whatever the expense might be. The dam was completed and the gates closed in November, 1865. The average depth of water in the reservoir is about 6 feet.

The Quinebaug river is subject to spring and fall freshets, but by careful management the reservoir operates as a safe check upon the sudden rise and fall of the water, and holding the surplus for use when required in dry seasons.

The company have also immense steam engines at the print works, big six-story mill, and new mill, ready for use in any emergency, whether caused by a short water supply or a "break down."

Since the assumption of the agency by Mr. Gayton Ballard the manufacturing operations have not materially changed, neither have their products varied very much—having been principally de laines and worsted goods, although, connected with these, large quantities of cassimeres and shawls are manufactured.

The company have continued their business and kept their mills in operation, war or no war, panic or no panic, giving employment, year in and year out, to eleven or twelve hundred persons, including those employed at their print works.

For a period of more than forty years their success has been continuous, and consequently their running regular and seldom interrupted. Its suspensions so few and unusual that they are only remembered as events to date from. (To be continued.)

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Two Hearts that Beat as One.

Lawyer Chas. Haggerty has been to Maine this week and taken to himself a wife — an accomplished and well-known lady of Augusta, daughter of a gentlemen who has been a prominent merchant of the place for nearly half a century. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Kremmen of this place in the presence of nearly one hundred guests, including some of the most prominent people of the city. There was a large collection of valuable and useful presents; a noticeable gift was a silver water pitcher from some of Mr. H's college friends in that portion of the state, engraved with the mystic emblems of one of the Greek letter secret societies. The happy twain reached Southbridge yesterday noon and at once repaired to their new home on Hamilton street—the house recently occupied by Jas. H. Sanders. Last evening a number of Mr. Haggerty's friends met at his residence, where A. J. Bartholomew in behalf of the company, welcomed Mrs. Haggerty to Southbridge and presented the couple with an elegant silver service, including a dozen or more extra pieces, all of silver and selected with admirable taste. Mr. Haggerty briefly responded with much feeling at this expression of good will. The bride and groom have also been the recipients of many other gifts from individuals. They have the very best wishes of the many friends Mr. Haggerty has made since his residence here.

Southbridge has shown an increase of 13.24 percent during the last ten years. There are 1050 voters, 73 citizens who are not voters and 558 aliens; 1324 families average 4.91 persons each; one family numbers 40 another 31 and 32 consist of but one person. There were 787 occupied and 25 unoccupied dwelling houses at the time of taking the census.

A late issue of the *Waltham Free Press*, gives a touching account of the last sickness of Willie Avann, whose death from diptheria occurred about a fortnight ago. The child seemed to realize from the outset of his illness that he could not recover and was greatly grieved at the thought of leaving his mother, to whom he was particularly devoted. Willie was born in Auburndale during his father's pastorate there ten years ago.

The St. Jean Baptiste society have elected the following officers:

Chaplain—Rev. E. Brochu.
President—A. Lataille.
Vice President—Basile Proulx.
Sec. Arc.—C. W. Giard.
Correspondent—F. Gatineau.
Treasurer—J. D. Proulx.
Col. Treas.—J. L. Brissitte.
Assist. Col. Treas.—A. Galipeau.
Auditors—M. J. Suprenant, Geo. Goddu, G. J. Lamoureux.
1st Com Ord.—Pierre Caplette.
2d Com. Ord.—Moises Garceau.
Comite d'enquette—Louis Bachand, Vit St. Onge, Julien Laroche, Joseph Cabana, Joseph Desgrenier, David Duclos.

Easter Services.

Easter Sunday was very generally observed at the different churches, the services being adapted to the occasion and the floral decorations conspicuous for their beauty.

At the Methodist church the theme of Rev. W. J. Pomfret's discourse was "The Resurrection." The decorations were a mound of growing plants on either side of the desk, while in front was a large calla in bloom, the base hidden in white flowers. There were also bouquets of hot-house flowers. In [illegible]ng concert was [illegible]with a special ser[illegible]the day of days." [illegible] former pastor, [illegible]s an added pleas[illegible]

[illegible] was beautifully [illegible]nerous supply of [illegible]. The fine music, [illegible]f Mrs. H. N. Car[illegible] to the service. [illegible] let us sing unto [illegible] a well-rendered [illegible]esponse was finely [illegible]ttie Searles. In [illegible] was a well-execut-

[illegible]ed solo by Mrs. Brown. The program of the evening concert included reading from Matt. xxviii; singing from "Easter Echoes"; a recitation, "The Old, Old Story," by two young ladies; short recitations by the children in connection with wreathing of flowers upon a cross with the motto "Christ is Risen." Remarks followed by the [illegible]astor, Rev. Silvanus Hayward.

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IX.

WOOLEN MANUFACTURE.—Continued.

For a period of sixteen years Samuel L. Fiske was intimately identified with matters appertaining to the successful management of the business affairs of the company, ten years of the time he having been resident agent; but his health being somewhat impaired by so long continued application and labor, he was obliged to resign his situation to secure for himself rest, which he did in 1846; Joshua Ballard, jr., succeeding him as agent.

In 1847 the old brick and wood mill, built by the Walcott Woolen Company, was put in good repair and enlarged considerably by additions, and the printing of delaines was commenced in Globe Village. The death of Willard Sayles occurred in the summer of this same year, depriving the enterprising house in Boston (Sayles, Merriam & Brewer) of one of its most successful business managers.

In 1849 the company issued new stock, increasing the paid-up capital to $600,000. During the summer and fall of this year the brick mill standing near the upper dam was built. Prosperity seemed to attend every outlay thus far, but in December, 1850, the big mill was burned. Notwithstanding the great loss, the company commenced at once making preparations to rebuild, and the building was restored and occupied again in 1851; at the same time making the addition of the two-story wing upon the east side, which is of sufficient capacity to contain over four hundred delaine looms. After the mill was rebuilt only delaine and cassimere was manufactured. Gas was first used at this date for illuminating the factory, which was a great improvement over the old method of lighting with lamps.

Mr. John Gardner having resigned the situation of treasurer, Mr. John R. Brewer was chosen to fill the vacancy in January of this year. The company continued prosperous and successful, but no very extensive improvements were consummated until 1860, when the large brick mill, situated near the Boston, Hartford and Erie railroad freight depot was built. It was at first filled with cotton machinery, which was afterward (in 1864) removed and delaine machinery put in its place.

During the year 1861 quite extensive alterations were made in the buildings connected with the print works, and many improvements were made, including raising and strengthening the dam above the works with heavy mason work.

In 1865, on account of bad health, Mr. John R. Brewer was obliged to give up the active duties of his office and retired from the same; Joshua Ballard being elected to the office at this time.

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IX.

WOOLEN MANUFACTURE.—Continued.

Since the rebuilding of the large mill in 1851 a few short stoppages have occurred, owing to a short supply of water. In 1869 the mill was stopped three or four weeks to put in a new flume. In 1873 during the summer the new mill was stopped on account of the dangerous condition of the timbers supporting the floors. It was found upon examination that the "dry rot" had so permeated the huge timbers that there was danger of falling to pieces at any moment. The timbers had only been in the building thirteen years, but they were all pronounced unsafe and removed by Leonard Cutler, and in the short space of two months replaced successfully and thoroughly by new ones. Leonard Cutler, the master mechanic of the company, accomplishing the work in this short time without any fatal accident whatever.

During this same summer the "big dam" was raised four feet and its width increased by stone and gravel placed upon its upper slope.

Two courses of granite were placed upon the roll-way, the blocks of the first course being seven feet and the second or top course being four feet in length and carefully laid in cement, forming a crown to the solid old dam of great beauty and strength.

The roll-way is a fine piece of mason work, and at high water with the torrent pouring and dashing over its high stairs-like declivity is a beautiful sight to behold, and is the resort of very many at such times, to witness it. Before the enlargement of the dam could be properly made, the location of West street was changed; a proposition was made the town by the company to do the work at their own expense, which was permitted, and the change in the location of the street was made, improving the company's property as well as improving the grade and direction of the street very much.

Extensive improvements were also made in the print works old buildings. New and commodious buildings were erected during the years 1872 and 1873, and great preparations made for the introduction of calico printing.

On Saturday evening Aug. 22, 1874, the two large breast wheels in the big mill, which have been looked upon by a generation, and watched over from day to day by Leonard Cheney as the personification of perpetual motion, made their last revolution at bell time. What a history? What a tale might they unfold could they only narrate half that has transpired since they began to turn the spindles above them? Who can measure the volume of water that has laved their breasts in their untiring labor during these years? On Monday following they were dismantled and removed from the important position so long and faithfully occupied by them, and discharged from further service.

A first-class 88-inch turbine wheel, made by Kilburn, Lincoln & Co., of Fall River, Mass., is to fill the place and perform the work of the two wheels removed.

Four feet more head of water has been gained by raising the canal that formerly supplied these wheels. These, with many other improvements, all of which cannot be mentioned, are being made from time to time, and all combined are sufficient to convince any one that the existence and the perpetuation of a corporation like the Hamilton Woolen Company in our midst is a thing strongly to be desired.

(To be continued.)

The Hamilton Woolen company, Amesbury, has recently put into its woolen department five new fulling mills, besides some other finishing machinery. These mills, at the present time are doing in both departments better than at any time since the present company has come into possession. The cotton plant consists of 55,00 spindles. The woolen department consists of 27 sets of woolen machinery in good order. These mills are under the management of Mr. Esten, formerly of Southbridge. June 1876.

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The Old Central, so long having been identified with the business interests of the town and the managers of the mill, also all having been so prominent in everything relating to the growth and prosperity of the place, a condensed history may be somewhat interesting.

For the last half century almost, the sonorous bell upon the central manufactory has been a familiar sound in our midst, and the name of the coporation a household word.

The "Central Manufacturing Company" was incorporated in 1837, the corporators being Ebenezer D. Ammidown, Hiram Wheelock and Hon. Linus Child.

The mill was built under the supervision of the late Hon. E. D. Ammidown in 1837. The first cotton was spun in May, 1838. The original mill contained one hundred and twenty-five looms, operating five thousand spindles. Benjamin Kimball being employed as superintendant of the manufacturing department until 1845, when he was succeeded by Chester A. Dresser. Business was continued under the first charter till 1858, in which year Manning Leonard and C. A. Dresser purchased the property and conducted the business under the firm of Leonard & Dresser till 1861. At the commencement of the war work was suspended, nothing being done for about two years. At this time C. A. Dresser purchased M. Leonard's interest, and associating others with him, obtained a new charter in 1863, organizing the present "Central Mills Company."

The present corporation have increased the number of spindles to twelve thousand, consuming weekly from fifteen to twenty thousand pounds of cotton. They manufacture sheetings of various widths, shirtings, twine, carpet warp, batting, and wicking.

The first breast wheel, which was only of about fifty horse power, was continued in use until August, 1873, when it was replaced by a Jonval turbine water wheel of two hundred horse power, which is now accomplishing the labor of two large breast wheels formerly used, and there is sufficient surplus power for from seventy-five to one hundred looms, unused at present.

The corporation is, as it always has been, one of the most important enterprises of the town, and our merchants look for "pay day," and thank its live, public-spirited managers that its monthly payments have always been prompt and sure.

We would gladly give a detailed account of the many additions and improvements made upon the corporation buildings from year to year, but space in our little sheet forbids.

We may in some future chapter give some personal history of some of the public-spirited men connected with the corporation.

A Local Picture.

One of the most beautiful pictures we have seen for a long time was in the cemetery decoration day. The representative of the Journal was in the valley between the Oak Ridge and the Pine Ridge east of it, looking towards the old or original portion. The rays of the afternoon sun fell athwart the hill, the trees and monuments casting long shadows, and hightening the effects of the different shades of the foliage and grass. The crest and slope of the hill was thickly sprinkled with moving human beings, here and there carriages were driven along the avenues; while in the center of the picture was Mechanics band in its neat uniform, marching slowly and with even paces down the hill toward the observer, and rendering with much feeling an appropriate dirge, which was echoed and reechoed from the surrounding hill sides. The somber character of the place, its natural beauty hightened by the peculiar position of the sun, the moving life, the solemn music, the mellow and responsive echoes—all united to create a sensation that will never be forgotten.

—The Universalist choir have organized with J. C. F. Weeelock, tenor; Miss E. F. Dresser, soprano; Miss Florence King, contralto; C. S. Edmunds, bass. Miss Josie A. Rice, organist.

—As we go to press, we learn that two of our aged citizens passed away yesterday, Mr. Daniel B. Perry, aged 79 years 5 months, and Mr. Samuel F. Freeman, aged 64 years.

The school committee have organized; J. J. Oakes, chairman; Charles Haggerty, secretary.

Among the Churches.

Rev. A. G. Upham preached his farewell sermon to a full house last Sabbath.

Rev. F. Magwire preached last Sabbath from the text, "And now abideth hope."

Rev. F. Maguire will preach on Martin Luther, next Sunday morning, at the Universalist church.

The subjects of discourse next Sunday, by Rev. Mr. Beekman, will be: In the morning, "The omnipotence of faith," and in the evening, "Fatal mistakes."

The damages to the Congregational church have been so far repaired that services will be held next Sunday. Rev. A. S. Walker is expected to preach on exchange with Rev. J. Danielson.

Rev. H. Lincoln, D.D., professor of history at Newton theological institution, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday. In the evening he will lecture on Martin Luther, at 7:30. All are invited.

Last Sunday was the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther. Appropriate allusion to the event was made in several churches. Rev. Mr. Hayward preached on the subject, and Rev. Mr. Danielson made it the basis of an evening talk.

Concert and Reading.

An excellent entertainment was given in Union church last evening to a good house, under the auspices of Globe council of the Home Circle. The following is the program:

QUARTETTE—{ *a.* "Star of Descending Night," *Emerson*
b. "Hark! Apollo strikes the Lyre," *Bishop*
Misses Minnie and Mattie Searles Mr. H. N. Carpenter, and Mr. Ernest Winter.

READING—"Briar Rose," *Boycken*
Miss Nettie Taylor.

CORNET SOLO—"De Beriot's Seventh Air."
Mr. Thomas Oldham.

DUETT—"Duo. Concertant," *J. B. Singelee*
Mr. F. W. Rowley, Violin;
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, Piano.

READING—"A Naughty Little Girl's views of Life in a Hotel.
Miss Nettie Taylor.

TRIO—"Die Sturzwelle Galop," *C. Faust*
Miss May Oldham, Piano; Mr. Thomas Oldham, Cornet; Mr. Henry Roan, Violin.

SONG—"The Bugler," *Pinsuti*
Mr. J. K. Smith, of Salem.

READING—"The Lost Chord," *Proctor*
Miss Nettie Taylor.

SONG—"Waiting," *Millard*
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter; Violin Obligato, Mr. F. W. Rowley.

PIANO SOLO—"Midsummer Night's Dream."
Miss May Oldham.

READING—"Gabriel Grub," *Dickens*
Miss Nettie Taylor.

The different numbers received much applause, and encores were given to Thomas Oldham's cornet solo, J. K. Smith's solo, Mrs. Carpenter's solo with violin obligato by Mr. Rowley, and Miss Taylor's reading.

June 26. 1885.

Change of Postmaster.

The JOURNAL of last week whispered that something might "drap" before a great while, and the next day came telegrams from Washington that Postmaster Carpenter had been suspended and J. J. Oakes appointed. Since the election of President Cleveland it has been conceded that a change of postmaster would have to come in the near future, and therefore the news of Saturday was no great surprise. Mr. Oakes is a prominent and reputable citizen of the town, for many years a successful merchant, very methodical in his business habits and very attentive to duty. He has also been selectman and is at present chairman of the school board, having secured his election to the committee by the votes of very many republicans as well as those of his own party. Politically he has ever been a strong consistent democrat, faithfully upholding the party banner even during the days of rebellion when such a course was extremely unpopular at the north. He belongs to the silver-top or swallow-tail faction of the party, using the popular nomenclature of the present day. We predict that he will make an acceptable postmaster.

There is, however, one unpleasant matter connected with the appointment. Under the old theory that postoffices are "spoils" and that the spoils belong to the victors Mr. Carpenter should step out and Mr. Oakes—or some other hungry and needy democrat—step in. But on account of the bold that civil service reform has got on the country, in order to oust the present incumbent it has been necessary to use deception and fraud and to publish a libel on his good reputation. The following telegram appeared in the Saturday evening papers:

The postmaster at Southbridge, Mass., was suspended because of the unsatisfactory manner in which his office was conducted. Charges of partisanship were also preferred against him.

Mr. Carpenter has held the office for sixteen years, to the general satisfaction of the public—republican as well as democratic—striving earnestly to be faithful and accommodating. There may have been criticisms now and then, but it is impossible to suit all; and there is not one man in hundreds who could manage an office of that kind for so many years and occasion so little fault finding; the best thing we can wish Mr. Oakes is that he will do as well as his predecessor. This efficient, faithful, obliging official of sixteen years creditable and satisfactory record, a prominent and respected citizen of the town is suspended on *ex parte* charges manufactured solely for the purpose of getting him out of the way. That some one else, no more competent than Mr. Carpenter might have the office, Mr. C's fair fame is wrongly smirched and his good name is insulted. All there is to the offensive partisanship is this—he has tried so far to avoid it that he has offended republicans more than democrats.

These facts are common talk among the best men of both parties when they talk among each other as man to man and neighbor to neighbor, and even democrats have requested us to right the wrong done to Mr. Carpenter.

CHANGE OF ROOM.

Many in town have for some time wished that the office could be in more metropolitan looking quarters. But that it was not was the fault of the town rather than Mr. Carpenter. Unlike Webster, Spencer, Clinton and many other places of about this size—Southbridge has two post offices so that the salary of both is comparatively small and accommodations can not be afforded that would be possible if the amounts were consolidated. On a salary of $1500—$1400 under the new apportionment — a postmaster can not hire a separate room, fit it up, pay for fuel, lights, incidentals and a competant assistant's salary and have much of a living left for himself. Mr. Oakes having no other business is, however, compelled to fit up especial accommodations for the post office, and what is his loss will be the public gain. Rooms in Ammidown block have been secured.

Edgar M. Phillips will be assistant postmaster for the present.

The new location of the office is, at first thought, a little one-sided, but it is no further than the old location from the largest customers — Sandersdale, the American Optical company, the Central Mills company, the banks, and the JOURNAL.

CLIPPINGS.

The postmaster-general thinks it to be "a violation of every principle of sound administration and a due sense of official responsibility to treat, or even to consider, the postal service as a mere political machine, and its 40,000 postmasters and 100,000 direct or indirect employees as an army of politicians." That read first rate before his action in this town.

When so loyal a democratic organ as the Washington *Post* finds it necessary to denounce in vehement terms the star-chamber methods by which this administration is getting rid of republican office-holders it would seem that the spy system had been pretty thoroughly developed. The *Post* declares plainly that "the practice of incriminating, prosecuting and condemning republican office-holders, trying them without a hearing and casting out branded with a nameless crime, is the most repulsive thing to which our politics has ever given birth."

Labor Agitation.

The first move in town in the direction of a general demanding of higher wages was the strike of the folders in the Hamilton Woolen Company's print works about two weeks ago which was settled in a day or two. The following Saturday the color mixers asked for an increase of pay which is yet under consideration; meanwhile they continued at work without interruption. On Wednesday of last week five girls employed in the engraving room on pentagraph work who had received 98 cents a day and forfeited all lost time on account of slack work asked for $1.10. They were shortly notified that they might return to work if they accepted $1.00 and be guaranteed steady pay with no lost time. This was not satisfactory to them and they refused to return.

Friday morning sixty spinners, mostly boys and girls in the Big mill struck for 11 cents more than their present pay which averages about 64 cents. At noon the contagion spread to the New mill and about sixty more spinners remained outside the gates asking the same increase, they were met half way in their demands but refused the price offered; therefore a portion of the help in both mills are idle.

The fancy weavers and spinners continue at work and advantage of the shut down in other departments is taken to make necessary repairs.

About twenty men employed by Sylvester Dresser in the brick yard at Quinebaug struck Tuesday for higher wages. They had been receiving $1.50 per day and asked for an increase of twenty-five cents. Their demand was not granted.

Last Friday evening as the operatives at the Litchfied Shuttle works were "washing up" they were invited to "step up stairs;" and doing so found there a fine oyster supper awaiting them. Such thoughtful acts on the part of employers do much to promote a good feeling between all parties.

PERFECT HORSE.—Next to Stokes our library committee are about as well advertised as any one at the present day. This is what the *Boston Advertiser* says about them:

A rather queer instance of bucolic virtue is furnished by the decision of the library committee of the town of Southbridge not to admit the Rev. W. H. H. Murra y's book on "The Perfect Horse" into the institution they control. So far as the volume itself is concerned, the only cause we can divine for its exclusion from respectable shelves is to be found in its illustrations,—several of the portraits of famous horses presenting such extraordinary eccentricities of drawing that a jealous lover of the fine arts might well hesitate to jeopardize unformed tastes by permitting opportunities for the study of them. But we hardly think that the book itself excites the virtuous vigilance of Southbridge censors. The fact that it was written by a clergyman doubtless damned in their eyes, and the quasi-testimony to its harmless characted furnished by Mr. Beecher's introduction probably hastened its doom. We wonder how Mr. Murray's lecture on Civilize Heathen would be received in Southbridge.

The Providence *Journal* says:

The library committee of the rural town of Southbridge, Massachusetts, has decided not to admit into its institution the book of Rev. W. H. H. Murray, entitled the "Perfect Horse." The committee owe it to an eager and inquiring people to say why. Is it because being intended, as the author declares, for every farmer's boy in New England, the price is so high as to preclude any but the rich from purchasing it? Is it because the agricultural papers have declared it to be false in theory and pernicious in example? Is it because Dr. Loring has made his speech at the end of it, or for the reason that Beecher has apologized for it at the beginning? Are the Southbridge people doubtful whether the loose theology of Murray is only a symbol of an equal untrustworthiness in respect to the horse? Is Murray too orthodox for the liberals, and too liberal for the orthodox; or have the Southbridge people been heretofore beguiled into buying and paying for the "golden extracts" of and from Murray's sermons? Why, Southbridge, do you interdict Murray? A clergyman among racing men, and a horseman among clergymen, and not so distinguished in either sphere as to excite envy, what should prevent the youth of Southbridge from enjoying his essays, whether based upon the horse or upon the New Testament? Or is it possible that it is, on the part of Southbridge, a simple incapacity to understand the merits of this modern "Admirable Crichton"?

There is a great demand for "The Perfect Horse" in Southbridge, since the library committee refused to take stock in the animal in their stable collection of literature.—*Boston Traveler.*

The fastidious library committee of Southbridge have voted not to admit the Rev. W. H. H. Murray's book, "The Perfect Horse," into the library.—*Springfield Union.*

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Last season we noted the experiments of Dr. L. W. Curtis with silos. He built one 24 feet long, 14 deep and 12 wide, which is estimated to hold more than 75 tons. This was built of concrete and filled with rowen and corn fodder. The results were so successful that the doctor has built two more this season. One was smaller and of plank under a carriage shed and has already been noticed. It was partly filled with rye and has since been opened and filled with corn. The second new one is of concrete and of about the same size as the one built last year. A JOURNAL reporter called at the doctor's barn last Tuesday and found the men at work filling silo No. 1 with corn fodder. It had been cut near the ground and drawn to the barn. Here was a horse power and cutter so arranged that the discharge from the cutter fell directly into the silo. Inside were two men leveling and tredding the ensilage, which was cut in lengths about 3-4 of an inch long. The corn stalks were of the most mammouth variety; a stalk taken at random from the pile measured 12 feet 10 inches in length, and was 5 3-4 inches in circumference near the but. One leaf was 4 feet 8 3-4 inches long. The doctor has three acres which he thinks will average with this. He weighed some that had about 50 stalks to the linear rod in the row and found that it was at the rate of 41 1-2 tons to the acre. One piece planted with 70 stalks to the rod weighed at the rate of only 39 tons to the acre. The doctor is putting this into his silos at the rate of about 20 to 24 tons per day and will add four acres of rowen.

The population of Southbridge in 1870 was 5208; in 1875, 5740; and in 1880, 6464. The increase from 1870 to 1875 was 532, or about 10 percent, and from 1875 to 1880, 724, about 13 percent. A gain of 10 percent since 1880 would make the present population about 7100. The census enumerators are not allowed to divulge their figures, and so we can not state the result. But while we believe the town has made a gain we do not expect that it will be anywhere near 10 percent. The Hamilton Woolen company is employing a few hundred hands less than in busy times; the works at Sandersdale are not running to their full capacity, and the Columbian mills are employing no one. It would not be surprising if the population of the town had been seven or eight hundred more than at present. 1885.

Among the Churches.

June 22. FLORAL SUNDAY. 1879.

The Universalist church last Sabbath was properly decorated with evergreens, ferns and choice flowers, while from among the floral decorations a number of canaries poured forth their sweet song. The other music was furnished by a select quartette. Rev. B. V. Stevenson preached a very appropriate sermon from the text "children are an heritage of the Lord." It abounded in apt allusions to the season and forcible lessons drawn therefrom. At the close of the service two children were dedicated. In the evening the Sunday school had a concert. The floral decorations looked finely by gas light and the members of the school had prepared an appropriate floral piece which was rendered with much promptness and good effect. An altar beautifully trimmed with flowers and evergreens was fitted together piece by piece by members of the school with appropriate recitations. The church was crowded with spectators and indeed it received many visitors during the day.

The Methodist church was prettily decorated Sunday, the front being hung with evergreens caught up in the centre by a huge cross of laurel, from which a large wreath with a star in the centre was suspended over the pulpit. Splendid boquets were scattered in abundance all about the auditory and loops of evergreen tastefully arranged around the windows. Fourteen canaries suspended from the ceiling and windows made all the music the audience cared to hear. The members of the Sunday school occupied front pews and Rev. E. S. Best preached a sermon especially fitting for them, taking his text from Prov. xx:11,—"Even the child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure and whether it be right." He impressed upon them the importance of starting right in life, assuring them that just what they sow they shall reap. Their duty is more than to refrain from wrong doing. To do no good is in itself a sin. He related the story of the young Hollander who prevented a great disaster by stopping a leak in a dike while it was small, and applied it to the work that every young Christian was able to do. They should first get right themselves and then set to work to save their companions from the acquirement of bad habits. Many a man who has wrought great misery and woe might have been saved by a little kind persuasion at the outset. A man is judged from his daily life, and great pains should be taken to establish a good character, as character determines destiny. In the evening a pleasing concert was given under the management of Superintendent West. The lesson from Matt., was read by the pastor. The entertainment which followed, by the children, was made up of scriptural recitations, declamations, readings and songs and was creditable throughout. Very large audiences were present both morning and evening.

Among the Churches.

Rev. W. J. Pomfret and Rev. Jos. Danielson exchanged pulpits last Sabbath.

There will be preaching with responsive readings and song at the Congregational church next Sabbath evening at 6 o'clock. Subject: "Babylon and her lessons." The public are cordially invited.

The fellowship meeting in the Congregational church last week Tuesday was numerously attended, and one of the most enjoyable ever held. Some thirty teams came bringing delegates from Charlton, Dudley, Brimfield, Holland and Sturbridge. The Union society of this town was also well represented. Many were doubtless drawn to the meeting by the new church edifice, which proved to be admirably adopted for such gatherings. The auditorium was well filled both morning and afternoon, and over one hundred and fifty partook of the collation in the ladies' parlors. Rev. Joseph Kyte, pastor of the church at Brimfield presided, and the subject discussed was: "The New Testament standard of piety" in its spiritual and practical bearings. Many laymen, as well as ministers, took part in the discussion, which added greatly to the interest of the meeting. On invitation, the next meeting is to be held at Brimfield.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D Paige are spending a week in Washington.

Rev. Frank Magwire lectured in Uxbridge Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Edmonds have been in Boston for the week past.

J. O. McKinstry was present at the reunion of the legislature of 1871 in Boston last week.

F. C. Litchfield and Dr. Silva have been attending the session of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows in Boston.

Miss Mamie, daughter of T. W. D. Brown, entertained a number of her friends Friday evening, Feb. 5, at her home in Sandersdale, the occasion being her birthday. She received a number of nice and pretty presents both from parents and friends.

Miss Jennie Litchfield left Southbridge, Monday, en route for Milwaukee. She will stop at Brooklyn, N. Y., where she has spent the most of the winter, also in Philadelphia for a short time. She expects to be absent several months.

METHODIST.

Rev. G. Beckman preached last Sabbath on "Pictures in memory." [illegible] life is one vast [illegible] gallery of pictures to be seen in all their [illegible] vividness in coming years [illegible] thoughts, deeds, [illegible], losses, [illegible] and sorrows by an instinctive law [illegible] and form themselves in pictures in memory's [illegible] to be clearly seen in the [illegible]

[illegible] us in the galleries of memory may at any time boldly confront us in the vividness of original enactment. If this be a truth it is obvious that the pictures we make by the deeds of our lives and hang in the chambers of our memory will minister to our good or ill in present and coming times, are those which because we hang them and must behold them will make us altogether angels of beauty and purity, or demons of sin and bitterness.

The lives of John Randolph and of Daniel Webster, and their penitent and serious closing up, were adduced in illustration of this truth. Whether in sin or in righteousness, we paint and place on memory's pages the manifold doings of our lives.

Niebuhr, the Oriental traveler, when very old and blind saw his early adventures with such vividness that they presented themselves as pictures upon his sightless eye-balls. So with us all. Whether our deeds be good or bad, they remain with us in pictures to be seen, possibly, when the sun dim with age shall cease to shine. These pictures, painted by ourselves, determine or indicate, our character before God, with men, and among angels.

If, then, we are to secure our own respect and approbation, and that of our Maker, our lives and deeds must be such that, as portrayed in the chambers of memory, they shall commend us to the all-knowing eye of God, as well as to the scrutinizing gaze of those with whom we are to dwell in the coming years.

The American Optical company is just closing a very busy season. They now employ over 400 hands, and during the past year have, in addition to their large lens-grinding business, made over one million pairs of spectacles and eye-glasses.

Among the Churches.

At the Baptist Church, on Sunday evening at six o'clock, Misses Packard and Giles are expected to give an account of their work in Atlanta, Georgia.

In our report last week of the Congregational Sunday school anniversary, we inadvertantly omitted to mention an excellent original poem by Mrs. Wm. P. Plimpton.

The Floral Sunday observances at the Universalist Church were very successful. In the morning Rev. F. Magwire preached on the importance of having services attractive at all times so that the church even the children would love to go to the house of the Lord. He also enforced the need, and alluded to the benefits of attending divine services regularly, and maintaining the church organization. This duty performed, the remainder of the day should be given to innocent, quiet rest or recreation, rather than gloomy asceticism. But no one has a right to spend the day in such a way as to disturb others. In the evening there was an excellent concert given by the Sunday school, assisted by the choir. The numerous recitations were all appropriate and well delivered, while the musical part of the program was particularly meritorious.

Rev. Dr. Barrows of Boston preached at the Congregational church, Sunday morning, and in the evening gave an interesting talk on the new West.

The Young People's Union of the Methodist Episcopal church has entered upon its second year with flattering prospects for the pipe organ, and a good interest in social life. A sociable was held at W. S. Henry's on Tuesday evening. A guitar solo, several Scotch songs, readings in the Scotch dialect, and a paper on Scotch customs and literature, added to the evening's enjoyment.

Joseph Esten has been transferred from the superintendency of the Hamilton Woolen company's woolen business here to a similar position at Amesbury. This is also a substantial promotion, as the woolen department there is twice as large as here. The position also involves more responsibility as there is now no local agent at Amesbury—the duties of that office being divided between the superintendents of the cotton and of the woolen departments. Walter Esten succeeds his father as the superintendent of the woolen business here.

The Olney Family. 1883.

Landlord D. K. Olney of the Bugbee house has a family coat of arms of great antiquity. How long it has been in the family it is impossible to divine, but judging from the devices, motto and general appearance, it was presented to some valiant Knight Templar, who in the Crusades marched against the Infidels in the Holy Land. The coat of arms is in the form of a Crusader's shield, in the center of which are three pillars of gold—base red and gold, canton silver; mullet crest, black; ducal coronet, gold, surmounted by eagles, head black, in flames of fire, in the beak a sprig of green drooping on either side. This curiously-wrought coat of arms has been handed down to the present generation of Olneys through a long line of ancestors in the new and old world. In the genealogy of this family the name of Olney is traced back to that curious old book of peers, in Northampton, known as "Doomsday Book." The first of the family, and for a long period of years the only one of the name emigrating from England to America, was Thomas Olney, his wife May, and two boys. Thomas was born in Hertford, Hertfordshire, in 1600, and sailed from London for Boston in the ship Planter in 1635. In 1637 he took the freeman's oath, and one year subsequently moved to Providence, joining with Roger Williams in the purchase of the Providence plantations, of which he was treasurer and assistant treasurer until 1649. Thomas Olney died, leaving seven children. His progeny have spread far and wide throughout the land, and are remarkable not only for their old-fashioned honesty but for their vigorous constitutions and vitality, and the Olneys, like the motto engraved on their coat of arms—"*Silve Probate Leon*"—may well feel that there is safety in the lion's strength.—*Putnam Patriot.*

Everett Butterworth of Southbridge, has bought from J. W. Draper and now controls, the various lines of stages running from Southbridge to Palmer, Southbridge to Charlton depot, Fiskdale to Southbridge, Fiskdale to Charlton, and from Wales to Palmer. Asa Bowen will still be retained on the Fiskdale line as driver. His promptness and attention has gained him many friends on the route, and we wish him every success under his new employer.

Obituary. 1888.

M. K. Olney, who was well known as the keeper of the Round Hill hotel at Northampton, died in that town on Monday morning. He was fifty years old, and had spent most of his life as a hotel landlord. He went from Southbridge, where he had been engaged in various merchantile enterprises, to Northampton about seven years ago, and reopened the old Round Hill hotel, which was a popular summer resort prior to the civil war. Under his management the hotel soon regained its place in the public favor, and during the summer season there were on an average about 150 guests at the house. For a year or two he was also engaged with his brother-in-law, William Hill of Springfield, in the management of the Creighton hotel at Boston. Last fall a portion of the Round Hill buildings were burned, and the owners decided not to build. This greatly disheartened Mr. Olney, who had built up a good business, and his dejection tended to bring on his last sickness. He leaves a widow and daughter.

Funeral services were held in this town at the Universalist church, Rev. B. V. Stevenson of Ware, formerly of Southbridge, officiating. His remains were interred in Oak Ridge cemetery.

Railroad Rumors.

Engineers are surveying for a railroad (Southbridge and Palmer) between this town and Palmer. The route they have selected passes through Sturbrdge, Fiskdale, Holland and Wales.—*Worcester Gazeite.*

The New York and New England Railroad Company are now contemplating the construction of a branch railroad to run from Southbridge to Palmer, where it will connect with the Boston and Albany, New London Northern and Ware River railroads. A survey was made for a line some 18 years ago, but owing to a mountain at Rimfield, through which the survey was made, the scheme was temporarily abandoned. If the company decide to build the road, it will accommodate the towns of Wales, Fiskdale, Palmer, Sturbridge and Southbridge. There is at present some talk of extending the Central Massachusetts to Palmer, and two citizens representing the town will hold a consultation with the officials of the road at Boston tomorrow to see what action can be taken regarding the matter.—*Worcester Spy.*

A special freight train came up on the branch Sunday distributing 1,043 steel rails between Quinebaug and this station. The l nch will be all steel rails when these are laid.

Danforth K. Olney. 1886.

The *Windham County Standard* has the following tribute to the memory of a former well-known resident of this town and who was a brother of Mrs. Thos. Sanders and Jos. M. Olney of this place:

D. K. Olney, who died in his private room at the Bugbee house at about 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, had been ill several months with Bright's disaase, and consequently his death was not wholly unexpected. He was born in Ashford, Dec. 17, 1830, thereby being nearly 56 years of age. Until about 17 he remained in his native place, when he removed to Worcester and entered one of the shoe manufactories there. He remained but two years, when he secured the position of clerk in a store in Fiskdale, and a little later was appointed general manager of a large store in Brookfield. After being there four years he went to Southbridge and formed with Mr. Edwards the firm of Edwards & Olney, grain-dealers. Later, receiving a flattering offer for his share he sold out and was a partner in the firm of Comstock & Olney, dealers in family goods. Not long after they were burned out, and having but little insurance, lost heavily, During the war he was a member of the 44th Massachusetts regiment. In 1870 he entered the Dresser house in Southbridge as proprietor, and after remaining a year accepted a position as general agent for a New York gas manufacturing company and remained with them three years. Still later he was connected with a hotel in Springfield, and in December, 1879, he came to Putnam and assumed charge of the Commercial house. After remaining there sixteen months he took the Bugbee house, which he controlled to the time of his death and made it one of the best hotels on the road. He has always been foremost in all matters relating to the welfare of the town, and was one of the prime movers in giving to Putnam the excellent system of water-works which it now enjoys. He was also pecuniarily interested in the Putnam foundry and built a number of houses near the foundry. He was also a prominent member of the Putnam Gas Co., and one of the directors of the Sandersdale print-works near Southbridge. Always genial, pleasant and accommodating, his presence will be keenly felt by the traveling public, and by having taken a live interest in every matter pertaining to the growth and up-building of the town, will be greatly missed by the most prominent citizens of the town. The funeral services take place at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., Thursday, Rev. J. R. Stubbert officiating. To Mrs. Olney and sorrowing relatives we tender our deepest sympathy.

The burial took place in Southbridge yesterday afternoon.

—It is with pleasure that we give space in these columns, of the enterprise of a former resident of our town, D. K. Olney of Putnam. The name of Olneyville is given to the foundry location on account of Landlord Olney's enterprise of constructing streets and cottages there. He certainly has greatly beautified the place, and no more appropriate name could be given. *Windham County Standard.*

G. A. Haggerty, formerly of this town, has been appointed superintendent of motive power and machinery on the Chesapeake, Ohio and Southwestern railway, with headquarters at Louisville. For two years past he has been master of machinery on the Huntington and Round Top railroad in Pennsylvania. We congratulate our friend Haggerty on his well earned success. A correspondent of the Boston *Journal* in Louisville, Kentucky, writes June 5: 1883.

The many personal friends of Mr. G. A. Haggerty in your state will be pleased to learn that he has been engaged by the Chesapeake, Ohio and Southwestern railroad as its superintendent of motive power and machinery of the entire line of 400 miles—Louisville to Memphis. Less than fifteen years ago Mr. Haggerty entered the locomotive works of Wm. Mason at Taunton, Massachusetts, as an apprentice boy, but by rapid strides he soon became a competent mechanic. In 1875 he rebuilt a large locomotive at his home, Southbridge. In 1876 he was sent to Texas by the Mason company, and on his return one year after he commenced running an engine on the New York Central railroad and soon became master mechanic of a railroad at Springfield, Ohio. His appointment as superintendent of the Galena and Wisconsin railroad soon followed, and for the last two years he has been master of machinery of the Huntington and Broad Top railroad in Pennsylvania. His present engagement places him in identity with one of the most reliable railroad corporations in this country, of which Mr. C. P. Huntington is president, and for a young man who has hardly passed the age of 30 years this may be considered rapid progress.

July **Sunday School Picnics.** 1883

The Methodists to the number of about 150—104 tickets were sold at the station—had a very pleasant time yesterday at Point Breeze, Webster. The facilities at this place are too well known to need notice and the usual picnic program was put through without hitch or accident.

One hundred participated in the Universalist Sunday school picnic at Walker pond, Sturbridge, last Wednesday. The day was charming and all had a very nice time. The grounds now have a building with convenient hall for dancing or skating, kitchen, anterooms, etc. The building is surrounded with a broad covered piazza, and is fitted up excellent style for the comfort and venience of picnic or evening par-

Wm. DeWitt Hyde graduated with high honor from Harvard college last week. It is somewhat remarkable that two of the first six in a class of over two hundred should come from adjoining towns—Hyde of Southbridge and Schofield of Dudley. June 1883

—For a day or two past, a committee of gentlemen have been quietly arranging for an entertainment, which resulted last evening in a grand surprise party given to Mr. & Mrs. T. Sanders at their residence in Sandersdale. The party comprising some sixty ladies and gentlemen, after taking large barges, were driven slowly (for the condition of the highway was not conducible to fast driving) to Sandersdale, reaching Mr Sanders' house about 9 o'clock. The host and hostess were found to be absent, having been intentionally asked out to tea at Mr. William Henry's on Marcy street. A team was at once despatched to town which soon returned with Mr. and Mrs. S. They found their house in apparently the usual condition, from the outside, all lights having been lowered in anticipation of their arival, but upon entering the dining room, the lights suddenly revealed the elegantly set tables, and a house full of friends; congratulations, and hand shaking followed, and soon the orchestra with Prof. Blanchard put in an appearance, showing that the committee had not been neglectful of their duties. About ten o'clock a splendid collation, furnished by the visitors was served. Next, vocal music, dancing and games were in order, and continued until midnight. After a fond good night, the visitors returned to their several homes all having spent a most enjoyable evening, and one long to be remembered.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Young men's meeting at 8 o'clock, Monday evening. Topic: "Light on every day paths." Luke xxiv; 14-15. Psa. cxix; 105. All men are welcome.

Boys meeting at the usual hour Sunday afternoon, to which all boys are invited.

The hare and hound club will meet at the Association Rooms, Fast Day morning at 9 o'clock.

The Star Course came to a brilliant conclusion last Thursday evening. The Fanny Kellogg Company gave a very enjoyable concert to a crowded house. D. M. Babcock, basso, seemed to be the favorite of the evening, his splendid voice captivating every one.

While Otis B. Gay was gunning last Saturday in East Thompson he shot a loon measuring 4 feet 10 inches from tip to tip of the wings and weighing 8 1-4 pounds. Although Bro. Gay has never been considered "looney" it surely looks so in this case. It was a good shot. Aug. 24 1883

Town Valuation.

The assessors are concluding their work with the results which we publish below. It will be seen that there is a little diminution of valuation and polls.

Last year there was a	
Gain on real estate,	$24,150
Loss on personal estate,	11,634
Total gain,	$12,516
This year there is a	
Loss on personal estate,	$14,046
Gain on real estate,	3,616
Total loss,	$10,430

The polls show a falling off of 145. In considering the rate of taxation and comparing it with other places, it should be remembered that in Southbridge there is a discount of 10 percent for prompt payment of taxes, which some towns do not give. The rate to be actually paid by the prompt taxpayer this year will be $13.32. The following is the table of valuations for this year and last:

	1884.	1885.
Real estate,	$2,207,639	$2,211,255
Personal estate,	885,143	871,097
Total,	$3,092,782	$3,082,352
Polls,	1,657	1,512
Tax—State,	$3,760	$2,820
County,	2,298	2,578
Town,	43,705	42,778
Total tax,	$49,763	$48 176
Rate per $1000,	$15.10	$14.80
Valuation Watch District,	$1,093,618	$1,074,007
Rate per $1000 of Watch Dis. tax,	.74	.76

A change has taken place in the ownership and management of the rink during the past week which will doubtless increase its popularity, as now local capital, influence and skill are more closely allied with it. H. W. Bacon, jr., has purchased an interest in the ownership of the property, the proprietors now being Hamilton, Smith and Bacon. H. W. Bacon, sr., succeeds W. E. Cook in the management, the new firm being Smith and Bacon. Mr. Bacon had become so expert as to be in demand by managers in other places, having received among other offers a flattering one from Julius S. Dresser, the manager of the Utica, N. Y., rink. This change will retain his services in town. 1885

Miss Myra B. Martin is at home.

Miss Mary Merritt and Miss E. Louie Ellis have gone on a trip to Washington. April 1885

We have noticed in town during the past week, Ernest Watkins, Wm. B. Morse, Chas. A. Oakes.

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The Event of the Season. 1885.

The society reporter of the JOURNAL has had a hard time this winter. The Masonic anniversary, a very pleasant gathering, and the firemen's ball, a well attended and social affair, comprise all the society doings there has been in town during the long winter until the party at the Dresser house last Friday evening. The company was extremely agreeable and included a number of persons from out of town. Many of the gentlemen were in full evening dress while the ladies' toilettes were the most elaborate we have ever seen in this place. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dresser, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Paige, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Dresser, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harrington and Mrs. H. A. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Goodier, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Litchfield, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Whitaker; E. Rockwood Hoar, Esq., of Worcester; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson of Spencer, S. C. Paine of Boston and Miss Emma Dresser; F. S. Paige and Miss Grace Watson of Spencer, J. S. Dresser of Utica, N. Y., and Miss Clara Morse of Spencer; E W. Winter and Miss Minnie Bigelow of Webster, F. D Dresser and Miss Minnie Searles, Dr. Wm. T. Lamb and Miss Kate Edwards, Dr. C C. Bradford and Miss Mary Olds; B. U. Paton and Miss Jessie Paton; Thos. Paton of Baltimore, Md., and Miss Mary E. Ellis; L. W. Litchfield and Miss Mattie Searles; E. C. Ellis and Miss Cora Marble, Geo. Simpson and Miss Jennie Bates, W. S. Robinson and Miss Mary E. Pellett; G. C. Winter and Miss Nina Bartholomew, John Warren and Miss Williamson, F. B. Howe and Mrs. Kate Benson, C. S. Truesdell and Miss Addie Martin, Edw. D. Reynolds and Miss Louie Ellis; Nelson McCutchen of Tarrytown, N. Y., and Miss Emma Townsend.

The following brief notes on the costumes will interest the ladies: Mrs C. D. P., white surah satin; Mrs. H. L., lavender brocade silk; Mrs. G. K. D., black silk, handsome lace flounces; Mrs. A. G. black silk, black lace sleeves; Mrs. T. J. H., Olive silk and velvet; Mrs. M., brown silk; Mrs. S. K. E., black silk in combination with pink; Mrs. K. B., navy blue damasse silk; Mrs. T. B., black silk heavily jetted; Mrs. F. W., brocaded velvet; Mrs. C. A. D., black silk; Mrs. H. N. C., white satin; Mrs G. M. W., gray silk and garnet velvet; Mrs. F. P., salmon cashmere, irredescent trimming; Miss N. B., pink silk; Miss M. B., black silk, Roman sash drapery; Miss C. M., white albatross cloth; Miss L. E., pale pink cashmere; Miss E. T., lavender cashmere, black lace trimming; Miss E. D., corn color nun's veiling, white lace; Miss C. M., pink nun's veiling; Miss A. M., white costume; Miss M. O., dark gray silk; the Misses S., myrtle green and wine colored silks; Miss K E., black tulle, white roses; Miss M. P., plum colored silk; Miss J. B., white cashmere; Miss G. W., rich black satin; Miss M. E., black silk and velvet; Miss J. P., brown costume; Miss W., blue silk and velvet.

The elaborate preparations did not prevent an easy sociability, and a more merry or lively party it would be difficult to assemble here or elsewhere. A collation was served in a style in keeping with the rest of the appointments and worthy of this noticed hostelry. The very successful outcome of the affair reflects great credit to the committee, Messrs. Bradford, Paige and Dresser; as well as to Mr. and Mrs. F E. Parker of the Dresser house, who did their part to perfection.

The grand officers of the grand commandery of Knights Templars paid a visit to Southbridge last Monday evening. They were tendered an elegant banquet at the Dresser house by the Southbridge Sir Knights, after which the company repaired to the Masonic hall where the time was pleasantly and profitably spent in drill, lectures and exemplification of the work.

A pleasant party—and a somewhat remarkable one—was held at the residence of Sumner Marsh last Friday, it being the 80th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Marsh. Only those who were 80 or over, were invited. Among the guests were Mrs. John Marsh, Mrs. L. Travis, Mrs. Oliver Mason, Mrs. P. Simpson, Mrs. Moses Plimpton, Mrs. B. Weld, and S. P. Irwin. The aggregate age of these seven and the hosts was 785 years. There were five other persons invited, who were not able to be present, whose ages are as follows: 80, 81, 82, 83, 84. Their ages sum up 410 years. If all had been present the sum of their ages would be 1176. In a house on the same street live four persons whose ages are 88, 84, 83, 81 years, the sum of their ages being 336 years.

The 11th annual report of New York and New England railroad for the fiscal year ending September 30, shows a surplus of $11,159.

Personal.

A. H. Wheeler is a vice-president of the new Worcester county democratic club.

About forty assembled at the residence of Mrs. S. D. Smith, South street, Wednesday, to participate in the festivities incident to the marriage of her daughter Hattie to J. Edward Clemence. Presents were numerous, both useful and ornamental.

At an early hour on Monday morning, Joshua Ballard, esq., passed from the earth, at his home on Centre street. His sudden death is a shock to this community in which he was much beloved. Mr. Ballard was well known in business circles in Boston, having been treasurer for many years of the Hamilton Woolen company; he was marked for his retiring, unassuming character. He became a citizen of Newton in 1880, purchasing the fine estate of eighteen acres, with residence and conservatory, known as the Loring place, on Centre street, corner of Ward street, which he remodeled and has since occupied. Mrs. Ballard died two or three years since, and his sisters and nieces have had their home with him, one of whom, Miss Abbott, left him last autumn, and became the wife of Rev. William O. Stearns, pastor of the Baptist Church, Cazenovia, N. Y. Mr. Ballard was about seventy-two years of age, belonged to the Baptist society, and was a member of the prudential committee.—*Newton Graphic.*

The seventh annual meeting of the W. C. T. U., was held on Tuesday, March 4th, with Mrs. Sylvester Dresser. The following report was presented as a summary of the year's work:

"Our mission is the redemption of our land from the curse of intemperance." While we cannot report any great progress in the work, the past year has not been altogether without some gain; we have had a larger membership this year than for any year since the first of our organization, and when the mothers awake to the great evil that threatens the peace and comfort of all the homes in the land, the sons and daughters will be taught to see that there must be a stop put to the liquor traffic. Mr. Joseph Cook says, "There are two passions in the Teutonic Anglo Saxon races stronger than the love of drink." They are the love of home and the love of liberty. In our republic the time has come when we begin to perceive that we must either put down the liquor power or allow the home to be invaded and our liberties under representative institutions to be gradually curtailed and perhaps put in jeopardy."

We have held ten regular meetings during the past year, have had one convention and two lectures and circulated temperance literature in town; we sent six dollars to the State Union and ten dollars to the Woman's National Christian Union to help carry on the work. Our motto is "For God and home and native land."

The Southbridge Dancing academy will reopen at any time when twelve couple wish instruction.

School Items.

All of the schools in town—except the primaries—commence March 26th.

Miss Beach has resigned the principalship of the High school and will take a European trip for the purpose of perfecting her knowledge of the French language in Paris. Miss B. has rare intellectual attainments combined with a peculiar "knack" or tact as a teacher. We regret that the town is compelled to lose her services and it will be hard to make her place good. Although Geo. H. Mellen of Brookfield who has been engaged to succeed her is a fine scholar —graduate of Amherst college—and has had a very successful experience as a teacher. Good work is expected from him, and the element which has whined that "$1200 was too much to pay any woman" will have to find something new to grumble at. The new assistant will be Miss Ida J. Bartlett of Manchester, N. H., who has been teaching at Pembroke academy. The present term of the high school closes to-morrow.

Feeling that harm is sometimes done by the haste of the press in publishing family and church news we have purposely withheld till now all allusion to the resignation of Rev. J. E. Fullerton, which was tendered and accepted a few weeks since. The council called by pastor and church to advise in regard to dissolution of pastoral relation met at the vestry of the South church, Tuesday afternoon. The persons present were Rev. G. B. DeBevoise and Dea. Duncan of North Brookfield, Rev. M. L. Richardson and Lucius Snell of Sturbridge, Rev. Mr. Austin and Dea. Tripp of Warren, Rev. John Haven and Rev. Mr. Fiske of Charlton, and Dea. Russel of Palmer. Rev. Mr. Haven was chosen moderator and Rev. G. B. DeBevoise scribe. The meeting was harmonious and there was no disagreement. It seemed that the church would be glad to have Rev. Mr. F. remain, believing him to be a faithful, industrious zealous, christian pastor, whose connection with it had been very successful. But some members of the society who help pay for preaching had become dissatisfied and the question was reduced to one of dollars and cents. It was doubtful whether the necessary funds could be raised with this feeling among some of the pew hirers. The council voted—though not unanimously—to recommend the dissolution of the pastoral relations. Oct 31 1876.

QUINEBAUG.

The residence of Aaron White, better known as "Squire White," took fire from a burning chimney yesterday afternoon, but was extinguished with only from $150 to $200 damage.

Miss Elizabeth R. Beach.

The wreck of the steamer City of Columbus struck a peculiar sadness over this community as one of the victims was Miss E. R. Beach, for two years principal of our high school—a teacher who, for enthusiasm, devotion, and the rare pedagogic tact, has never been excelled in this town. Miss Beach was the only daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Beach, and had become widely known both in this country and France by her labors in behalf of the now famous McAll Mission. It was in making known that cause to the Christian ladies of America that Miss Beach lost her health some four years ago. She had previously been connected with the mission itself in Paris, and it was her hope to return thither. During her long illness the affection of friends gladly supplied every want. The most eminent medical skill and the most assiduous nursing were provided. For a year past Miss Beach has been treated at the Adams Nervine asylum, Jamaica Plain. There, at last a radical improvement was secured. Every prospect was in favor of permanent recovery. It was confidently believed that the influence of the mild climate of St. Augustine would confirm the convalescence. Every possible arrangement had been made for her arrival and residence there. She sailed with joyous anticipations; but the result was to be otherwise. Yet the wide circle of friends may remember that few lives have been so fruitful as that which is outlined here. Miss Beach was the prime mover in that great work in this country which has recently taken form in the American McAll association. Her Christian devotion, her genius, her rare personal grace, find their monument in that association. Her memory will be revered as long as the McAll Mission exists or is remembered. She gave her life for the cause she loved. The body was taken to Connecticut for burial at Woodstock, the services taking place Wednesday afternoon.

The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Batchelder of Woodstock, Rev. Mr. Williams of Chaplain, and Rev. L. T. Chamberlain, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The latter delivered an address of rare, poetic elegance, and paid an eloquent tribute to the beauty of the life and spirit of the deceased, to her heroism and consecration. He made touching allusions to the influence of her life which would abide for many years yet to come. Miss Beach's age was forty-two, but was alluded to as a completed life, so full had it been of good works and developing experiences.

Class of '85. June 20.

The graduating exercises of the senior class of the High school, were held in the Edwards Opera house, last Friday evening, There was a large audience in attendance.

The following programme was successfully carried out: Overture, Mrs. H. N. Carpenter and F. W. Rowley; salutatory and essay, "My mind to me a kingdom is," Florence I. King; essay, "The book of nature," Cora E. Lombard; essay, "The Indian question," Annie E. McGilpin; song, Mattie S. Searles; essay, "The music of life," Mary E. Meagher; essay, "Aspirations," Carrie E. Brooks; essay, "The Alps of Life" Hattie C. Smith, (on account of the serious illness of Miss Smith, Miss Bickford, assistant in the High school read the above essay); song Miss Carrie R. Stone; essay, "Richard Wagner," Mattie S. Searles; oration with valadictory, "Vincit qui se vincit," Elmer F. Letcher; class song.

The graduates acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. The diplomas were presented by the Rev. S. Hayward, chairman of the school committee, with a few remarks in relation to the position which the High school should hold in the estimation of the citizens. He took a strong stand against expensive graduating exercises, especially receptions, styling them as "dudish." It can hardly be said however, that this has been of a very serious nature, and furthermore it gives a degree of pleasure to the graduating class.

Friday last was "Founder's day" with the JOURNAL, as its first editor and proprietor H. C. Gray returned to the old haunts for a few hours on that day. He was driven over the town, and indulged in frequent exclamations of wonder and delight as he saw the many improvements and evidences of healthy growth. Mr. Gray had not been here before for four years and was much surprised at the many changes for the better. He is proprietor and publisher of the *Malden Mirror*, *Chelsea Record* and *Revere Journal*. All are flourishing and very remunerative papers.

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Personal.

Odd Fellowship.

The Odd Fellows celebrated the 67th anniversary of the order in America by a pleasant and successful gathering in their hall last Monday evening. The hall was well filled. The following program was rendered and called forth much applause: Apr. 26. 1886.

Cornet solo, by Thomas Oldham.
Duet—"Whispering Hope."
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter and Miss Minnie Searles.
Quartet—"White Wings."
Misses Minnie and Mattie Searles, E. W. Winter and J. F. B. Litchfield.
Address by Rev. Lucius Holmes.
Solo—"Baby Fingers on My Cheek."
Miss Florence D. Newhall.
Solo—"Last Night," by Mrs. Carpenter.
Quartet—"I'se Sailin' Down de Ribber."

The company then adjourned to the banquet hall and sat down to a very good supper; after which dancing commenced and continued to a late hour.

The following is the address in full:

An anniversary seems to be suggested by natural emotion. Individuals, families, communities and states look to certain periods with interest and gratitude and wish to celebrate their return. We commemorate the cheerful rather than the solemn. We memorialize a good man's birth rather than his death; that is, we bring before our minds his life, his talents, his contributions to human welfare, rather by beginning with the animation of his coming into our world than through the shadows of his departure. The mighty Christian church is more inclined to linger over Easter, the rising of its Lord from the bands and enclosures of death, than upon the tremendous, the rending agonies of his sacrifice, crucifixion and death.

If we begin with birth we face the west, march with the sun, along the velvety banks of the ever-flowing, ever-widening river of events. We are in chronological order. Besides, if we are to call to remembrance the merits of a benevolent institution now extant, we necessarily almost begin with its beginning, trace its growth, exult over its expansion, while we cherish the fervent hope that it may flourish and increase forever. But I am to bear in mind the one thing most difficult for a clergyman or lawyer to steadfastly observe when called upon to make a short address, namely, brevity.

"The origin of Odd Fellowship as an institution is involved in obscurity. When the small stream first issues into the light of history it is very humble also." Daniel DeFoe mentions such a society, and the *Gentleman's Magazine* (England) for 1745 speaks of a lodge of that kind. In 1788 the poet, James Montgomery, wrote a song to be used for a gathering of Odd Fellows, or such is the presumption. "All beyond these dates is mere conjecture. We only know that when Odd Fellowship comes into the domain of certainty the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man are its foundations of precept and of practice. Nor can we trace the precise steps by which our peculiar measures of mutual relief in distress, and provision for the burial of the dead, and the care of the widow and orphan, grew up among our predecessors."

"Several attempts were early made to establish Odd Fellowship on this continent, but from various causes all successively failed. The early mode was by self-institution. Any number of Odd Fellows united together formed a lodge and received a charter from any neighboring lodge. It is claimed that lodges were started in this manner during the last century."

The first combination of our order under a system at all general was the "Union Order of Odd Fellows," and its seat of government was London. The purpose of the gatherings was largely convivial. A reform movement took place, several lodges seceded, and at Manchester, England, in 1813, formed the "Independent Order of Odd Fellows."

American Odd Fellowship, as a success, dates no farther back than April 26, 1819. Its founder was Thomas Wildey, an Englishman who "embarked for America July 30, 1817, and reached Baltimore Sept. 2." The prevalence of yellow fever that very autumn evoked his sympathies and showed him the importance of establishing an order here like that into which he was initiated in the great city of his birth, London. After an effort to gather a sufficient number finally four besides himself were assembled and organized Washington lodge, No. 1, by self-institution at the date mentioned and in the beautiful city of Baltimore. The five commenced as a Union lodge, but in one month changed to the working of the Independent Order. They took measures to procure a charter from Manchester. It was received, and next this lodge so receiving was constituted "Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States." The working of a grand and subordinate lodge together proving inconvenient, and another lodge having been formed, both surrendered their charters to the past grands of each, who reformed the "Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States"; each received in return the charter of a subordinate lodge. This was done on an anniversary of Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, 1821. Bro. Wildey was chosen first grand master. He induced lodges to apply for a charter, instituted grand lodges and was everywhere the spirit of harmony and activity. In 1825 the complex national and Maryland grand lodge united with other grand lodges in forming a distinct grand lodge of the United States. In 1826 Bro. Wildey visited England to induce the order at Manchester to voluntarily release to the order in America all jurisdiction whatsoever. "He was most affectionately received by the authorities of the order at Manchester. He taught the Covenant and Remembrance degrees, which they adopted, and the Grand Lodge degree, which they declined as unnecessary in their organization. They granted his every request, save the great object of his mission—the independent sovereignty of the grand lodge of the United States." Yet, on the day of his departure, a charter covering this wish of his soul was placed in his hands, dating back a month and two days before his arrival in Liverpool.

In June, 1827, this indefatigable worker brought about, through the grand lodge of Maryland, the instituting of Jerusalem encampment, No. 1. He became its chief patriarch.

He instituted grand lodges in one state after another, lectured, healed dissensions, and long before his death, which occurred in 1861, when he had become an old man, saw the order fully established, vindicated and flowing to hundreds of thousands in the land of his adoption. All that was at all scandalous in the older times convivial gatherings passed away, the most beneficent things had been added, the organization rendered complete, the ritual revised comprising such lectures, moral and fraternal lessons as covered all the general bearings of human life and duty. One of the inscriptions upon his monument: "Erected by the joint contributions of the lodges, encampments and individual members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the United States of America and jurisdictions thereunto belonging," and upon ground granted by the corporate authorities of the city, "commemorates the founding of that order in the city of Baltimore on the 26th day of Apr., 1819, by Thomas Wildey." Another says: "He who realizes that the true mission of man on earth is to rise above the level of individual influence, and to recognize the fatherhood of God over all and the brotherhood of man, is nature's nobleman."

Odd Fellowship, my brothers and sisters of the Rebekah degree, is the servant of man as to all the central aims of his human existence. To all things true, useful or beautiful, it is conducive, while it does not exist as the patron of art, the maid of poesy, the acerpt of literature, the devotee of science, or the police of government, but as the help-meet of man himself. We have not passed beyond the need of gracious help. As one class, and perhaps ruder class of dangers stalk past, another appears. Says an earnest writer: "We live in an age of corruption and oppression where human rights are nothing and property rights above life, liberty, honor, decency, virtue, or even the granting of the bare necessities of human existence." Commissioner Peck has recently reported to the New York legislature, saying, "All sorts of laws have been enacted and are yearly being placed upon our statute books looking to the interest and protection of corporations of every nature. But who has heard of any special effort being put forth looking to the amelioration of the condition of the employees of these corporations?"

I once heard John B. Gough describe his being upon one of the peaks of the Alps, a Methodist clergyman his traveling companion. They gazed at their summits; they looked towards Germany in the north, France upon the west, Italy and the Mediterranean in the south; easterly, Greece, Austria, Prussia, and filled with all he could behold, and the thoughts of the adjacent, he turned to his companion eagerly inquiring, "What is the greatest object?" "Man," was the calm but firm response.

The archangel wings of Odd Fellowship take us up into a clarified atmosphere, and upon the high points of its observation we behold the transcendent worth of this world's central figure—man. In the midst of the grandest scenery, before the most magnificent exhibitions of material splendor, the thought of humanity sobers us, and we grasp afresh those just conceptions of his physical and spiritual excellency; the throne no longer dazzles us, so that we can once more see the king thereon.

Take a true brother of ours upon London bridge, or into the spire of Trinity church, Broadway, and after he has glanced at the piles of brick and mortar, at piers and abutments, stubborn cables, rolling cars or becalmed ships, considered warehouses, shops, wardrobes, equipages and inventions, and every external glory, he will become pensive, and, if you could read his thoughts, you would find him placing a finger upon human plans, leaning an ear toward a palpitating heart, praying that unesitimated misery might depart; true development lift men and women up out of the mire of degradation, and all the righteous happiness of the happy be forever confirmed unto them. In the lodge his reigning thought is not the great numbers of the fraternity, its eminent respectability, its working machinery, the exquisiteness of its sentiments, the nicety of its alodgements, its marvelous growth, its shining paraphernalia; rather that it knows not mortal men by political title, by wealth, or brilliant endowments even, but simply as those who have had a tender cradle and will have a silent coffin, and need some one to be a true, steadfast friend, comforter and guide from one to the other; and after the second has been reached to number those left to mourn, stand faithfully by them, and pledge unto them a gracious degree of that same fellowship and care which in life, in sickness and throes of dissolution was such a benediction to those gone before them to the chambers of eternity.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Meeting for men only Monday evening at 8 o'clock, to which all men are welcome. Topic: "Be sure your sin will find you out," Gen. xxxvii;17–28; xiii:21–22; 1:15–18.

A bible reading will be given at the boys' meeting, Sunday afternoon. All boys should come with bibles at 4 o'clock. 1886.

The Hare and Hound club had a run Saturday afternoon, distance four miles. The hares started at 5:45 o'clock and the hounds four minutes later. The time was, hares 37 1-2 minutes; hounds (deducting four minutes start) 34 minutes. The hares were delayed several minutes on the last mile, which resulted in one being caught. On account of the fields being wet, most of the race was run on the road.

The choir at the Congregational church the ensuing year is made up of 20 voices as follows: Sopranos, Miss Carrie R. Stone, Mrs. L. Allen, Miss Cornelia Ward, Miss Carrie Marble, Miss Josie Carpenter; altos, Mrs. E. T. Morse, Mrs. J. L. Morse, Mrs. H. T. Hyde, Mrs. Kate Benson, Miss Annie Marble; tenors, Messrs. Dr. Allen, H. R. Beecher, Salem Ammidown, S. F. Tower, F. Cummings; bassos, Messrs. A. F. Luther, Edgar A. Brown, Irving A Brown, C. B. Johnson, C. D. Monroe; organist, Mrs. J. A. White; solo soprano, Miss Carrie R. Stone; leader, C. D. Monroe.

Personal.

Rev. J. M. Avann was in town last Sunday. 1886.

Miss E. P. Burton has been taking a week's vacation.

E. Rockwood Hoar has been stopping in town a few days.

Ambrose Webster spent Easter Sunday with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jude McKinstry have been visiting relatives in Woodstock and Willimantic.

W. H. Smith, formerly superintendent of the New England Telephone Co., has gone into the carriage and harness business in Worcester.

Dr. N. W. Sanborn, who obtained his M. D. in New York and has been in practice five years, part of the time in hospital, is coming to town to lacate. Dr. Sanborn is a homeopathic physician and will occupy the rooms lately vacated by Dr. Allen.

Mrs. Joseph Ammidown, an old and well-known resident of the town, suddenly dropped dead Monday afternoon. She had been apparently in her usual health during the day.

Among the Churches.

The 46th anniversary of the Universalist Sunday school will be celebrated next Sunday forenoon in place of the usual services. Appropriate exercises will be given, including an address by Rev. W. Frank Potter, a former member of the school and a resident of this town until he entered the ministry.

The program of special music for Easter Sunday at the Congregational church was given in the JOURNAL last week and was rendered to the pleasure of a large audience. The pastor, Rev. Joseph Danielson, had a fitting discourse for the occasion, and the church was made beautiful by flowers and plants. 1886.

The Universalist church was tastefully decorated, and a discourse given by the pastor, Rev. F. Magwire, in recognition of the day. In the evening a concert piece was rendered, entitled "Gates Ajar," and an elaborate floral design illustrated the title. There were fine solos by Miss Florence King and Miss Cora Marble and a duet by Miss Emma F. Dresser and J. C. F. Wheelock. Recitations followed by members of the school, supplemented by excellent singing by the school and choir.

The Baptist society did not enter into the joyful spirit of the day, being saddened by the expected death of one of their most esteemed members. The concert already prepared for the evening was omitted.

At St. Mary's church, the floral decorations of the altars were very elaborate and beautiful. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Tully, the organist, had been in preparation for several weeks and rendered successfully new music at morning and evening service. In the morning, mass in G was sung, the solo Ave Verum at the offertory by Mr. Tully, being particularly fine. In the evening, Rosewig's musical vespers in G was given by the choir, the different parts being finely rendered.

The services at Notre Dame church were also impressive.

Sunday School Anniversary. 1886

The Universalist Sunday school celebrated its forty-sixth anniversary last Sabbath and concluded its seventh year under the superintendency of Geo. M. Whitaker, who declined to be a candidate for reelection. The exercises took the place of the usual morning service and there was a goodly number in attendance. The new choir had prepared an unusually elaborate musical program and the exercises passed off very acceptably. After the voluntary and anthem was a responsive service between the school and superintendent interspersed with singing by the choir and prayer by Rev. W. F. Potter, and scripture reading by Rev. F. Magwire. The superintendents report showed the school to be in a healthy condition, it has been attended with a good degree of prosperity during the past year. The average attendence was a little smaller than the year before for exceptional reasons, but there has been a steady gain in membership for the past few years, and one new class was organized last year. The superintendent, as his farewell thought, dwelt upon the importance of building for the future as well as the present.

Rev. W. F. Potter of North Attleboro, a native of Southbridge and for many years identified with the school, was the anniversary speaker. He opened with a feeling allusion to the past, and its memories, and to the coworkers with him in those days who are now in the Sunday school above. He paid an eloquent tribute to the enthusiasm and devotion of Rev. W. W. Wilson, and also made many complimentary allusions to Rev. A. B. Hervey. In his address he urged the importance of the children forming church-going habits while young, and expressed his conviction that doctrinal teaching in the Sunday school was of the utmost importance, so that the youth would grow up loyal to our church. He alluded to the preciousness of that faith which teaches in the broadest manner the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man.

Rev. Frank Magwire endorsed all that had been said, and hoped that the suggestions would be considered and put in practice.

The exercises closed with a ritualistic service between the school, choir and superintendent, introducing the Universalist profession of belief.

After the public service the school reorganized with the choice of the following officers:

Superintendent—G. Clarence Winter.
Assistant Superintendent—Miss Mary A. Ellis.
Secretary—Miss Ida M. Plimpton.
Treasurer—William C. Barnes.
Librarian—Wilford J. Litchfield.
Assistant Librarian—Jas. L. Plimpton.

Mrs. J. A. Stephen, with her husband, the Captain of the Allen steamer Hanovarian, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Airlie, and on their return to Scotland they will be accompanied by Mrs. S.'s sister, Miss Jessie Airlie.

than a name. It will be a vital power and its beneficial influences will be felt by every citizen throughout the length and breadth of our land.

But there are other results which ought by no means to be passed over in silence. The grand heritage of glory which our heroes on land and sea bequeathed to us—can that be forgotten? Are we insensible to the national honor secured by their valor? Where in contemporaneous history or in all modern history can be found names more illustrious than those which are inscribed on our roll of honor. Our leaders were men whose fame has echoed round the world, and as long as the human heart shall beat responsive to valorous deeds, their names will be known and their memories cherished—and the fame of the leaders extends to all, even the lowest private in the ranks. The time will never come when our people will cease to do honor to those whose heroism and courage saved to us all we hold dear in government.

Again, the example of patriotism which our soldiers and sailors gave us ought never to be lost sight of in estimating the achievements of the war. Patriotism or love of country is one of the noblest springs of human action. The great guiding and moving principle of the Union forces all through those times of doubt and anxiety, of despondency and occasional despair was patriotism. Other reasons may have been assigned for action, but it was their deep, warm affection for the land of their birth or their adoption, which nerved them for the shock of battle and gave them confidence in the ultimate cause. Patriotism filled the ranks armies and manned our navies. It of our marshalled all our resources and hurled them against our foes; and after the surrender of Lee to our great chieftain, the same patriotism prompted our million soldiers to quetly lay down their arms and resume their avocations of peace.

In the example of these soldiers of ours, there is a lesson for us of a younger generation; we should never fall below the standard of patriotism up to which they acted. There are yet opportunities for each one to serve the state. As voters we can cast honest ballots and strive to purify politics by infusing healthy blood into the arteries of public life. As men, we can at least live noble lives, believing that no honest, earnest effort for self-improvement can be without advantage to society. Patriotism calls on every man to do his duty in that sphere of life in which his lot is cast. If this call is heeded the state will be served. It will be the better for our having lived in it.

The oration finally recalled some of the memories of the war and concluded as follows: "Time has quelled the sharpness of our grief at the loss of friends in the war; but it can never efface the memories of their excellence and valor. As we gather around their graves today and lay garlands of flowers upon them, a blessing and an inspiration seems to fall upon us. The voices of the dead seem to come to us with lessons of fidelity and duty. They conjure us to be true to our country and to ourselves. May we heed the message, may we take the lesson of the hour home to our hearts, and go from these ceremonies with loftier patriotism and firmer faith than we have ever had before.

Jan 1885.

—The Universalist society, occupied their church edifice last Sunday, for the first time since the undergoing of repairs. To one acquainted with the sight of the "old church on the corner," hardly anything remains to make it seem familiar. Two coats of drab paint have been put upon it from the brick basement to the top of the spire and the weather-vane with its "God is Love," which has turned for so many years shines bright with its new gilding. The ponderous green blinds have been removed and in place of the large plain glass windows handsome ones filled with colored cathedral and ground glass have been substituted both in the church and vestry, the latter has been greatly improved by the enlargement of the kitchen and other changes necessary to the accommodation of the large parties that patronize the ladies of the society at their enterments. Inside the audience room the improvements and changes, give the appearance of an entirely new structure. The frescoing is one of the finest jobs ever done in this vicinity. It is all flat work and painted in the most fashionable colors. The pews and all of the wood-work is stained in cherry color and new cushions covered in garnet brocade adorn the seats, this outlay was provided for by the Ladies Social Circle. The chandalier has been newly finished and with its new gas jets and globes, looks as if it had just been purchased. The pulpit platform has been considerably enlarged, and new carpeting laid where required. The organ has been lowered by the cutting out of a portion of the gallery, and the choir now occupies a handsome balcony built out into the auditorium on a level with the backs of the pews, instead of its former lofty position. This is a very decided change for the better. The society is to be congratulated for the generous manner in which it has carried out these improvments and we surely wish for it the prosperity which it justly deserves. The services in the morning and the concert in the evening were in commemoration of Christmas. The Rev. Mr. Maguire gave a fine sermon on Universalism, and the musical selections by the quartette and the Sabbath school during the day under the direction of J. F. B. Litchfield were finely rendered and appreciated by all.

Jan 1885.

—The M. E. church lyceum held its public meeting Monday evening, with a full attendance. After well selected and rendered readings by Miss Nellie Walker and Miss Cora Lombard the discussion began. A smith wrought at it for nine minutes, then a man chased his arguments for twenty. The next had more clemency but took twenty-one minutes. The last said I wood desire to believe the world is growing better, but in twenty-four minutes made out that it was not. The audience then cast a vote and it was decided by a majority of seven to five that it was not. Mrs. Nellie McKinstry then had an appropriate selection which was well given and received. We trust that such entertainments will be multiplied even if as the president suggested all the evenings are taken up with other things. Even if a few only attend they will do a great and needed good.

At a meeting of the committee of the Southbridge public library, Wednesday evening, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, a sudden dispensation of Providence has removed from our midst, Rev. J. M. Kremmen, whose genial disposition, sound judgement, broad intellectuality, appreciation of a public library, and firm belief that it should be a means of popular improvement rather than entertainment, made him a companionable co-laborer, a valued, highly respected member of this committee, and one whose death is a public loss;

Resolved, that this tribute to his worth be entered upon our records, and that copies be furnished his sisters, and his late parish.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The Patriot Living Honor the Patriot Dead. 1880.

THE OBSERVANCES IN THIS VICINITY.

Memorial day was very generally observed in this vicinity this year, although with fewer than usual "set" processions and orations. The weather was perfect, the shower of the day before having laid all the dust and broken the force of the torrid wave. In every case the celebrations were a success and a fitting tribute to the memory of those who faced death that the country might live. As the 30th of May fell on Sunday this year, Saturday was generally observed.

We give below the "doings" in this vicinity, as witnessed by JOURNAL reporters:

Southbridge.

The observance of Memorial day in this town was quite general, although the procession was shorter and less imposing than on some former years. The line was promptly formed in the order noticed in last week's JOURNAL, and marched over the route that had been laid out. The Catholic cemetery was first visited. Rev. J. M. Kremmen was introduced by A. F. Luther of the committee of arrangements. Father Kremmen said that remarks on an occasion like this—fifteen years after the event which it celebrates—must be trite. There is nothing new to be said at such a time. But when I see before me the few surviving soldiers, and ask myself where are the others who went forth from Southbridge, shoulder to shoulder with you, I think that it is well and becoming to pay this tribute year after, year not only to keep fresh in our memory their valient deeds, but also to teach those who are soon to be old enough to take part in public affairs what these soldiers died to give us. The speaker said that to him "E pluribus unum" does not mean one great nation from many states, but one grand people from many nationalities. All those who went to the war went with one heart and willing to prove it by the sacrifice of their lives if necessary. This is not a country of persons of different nationalities or of ages, but of citizens of the United States, of freemen having equal rights. This the reverend speaker said is why he appreciates decoration day and feels proud because its observance knows no difference of creed, color or race. It involves simply the question of national life. We honor the brave for the self sacrificing devotion with which they went forth to crush the viper slavery that was eating into the vitals of the nation. A prayer and dirge by the band completed the exercises which took place in front of the imposing Ryan monument.

After the work of decoration the company proceeded to Oak Ridge cemetery. Prayer was offered by Rev. Jos. Danielson; a selection was sung by a double quartet led by Mrs. Carpenter, and

AN ORATION BY GEO. H. MELLEN

followed. He began by noting the evils of war.—It is an agent destructive alike of the physical resources and of the moral stamina of nations. It sends down to untimely graves thousands of young men, fills their homes with desolation and mourning, it lays the burden of taxation on a people, often entailing poverty and unremitting toil upon unborn generations. It cripples commercial prosperity, it turns the best skill of citizens from the legitimate pursuits of peace, the advancement of science and art, education and religion into the paths of glory and ambition. Its tendency is to blunt the moral responsibilities of those engaged in its awful work, to blight and uproot the fair flowers of honor, of temperance, of chastity. Still there may be good and sufficient causes for engaging in war, causes justified by all the plainest rules of morality. When a great principle is at stake, when human liberty is endangered, when governmental life is threatened, then, after all pacific measures have been vainly exhausted, war is in the highest sense right. The nation which would tamely submit to insult and slavery when it had the power of resistance would no longer deserve a place in the list of nations. It is the freeman's duty to take up arms to withstand unjust and unlawful infringement of his rights. In such a case war becomes an engine of good. By it human rights are secured and maintained. It helps many a nation up the steep hill of progress and brings it to a plane of wider influence and higher civilization.

The speaker then admitted that civil war needs peculiar justification, but urged that the late rebellion was one of the examples of a just war. When injustice and wrong throw down the gauntlet, then truth and right, even at the risk of fraternal strife, must accept the challenge. The wickedness of slavery, the arrogance of the South, the various concessions and compromises were then noticed. During all this while the stifled voice of our public conscience was struggling to make itself heard; and when in 1860 secession showed its hydra head, our people rushed to the conflict, strong in the mighty power of heroic devotion to principle. Here was a struggle of right against wrong; civilization against barbarism. Here was freedom fighting against slavery—on one hand a party striving to overthrow the kindest and most benignant government on earth; on the other, a nation of devoted people bound to protect and perpetuate that government. Freedom triumphed. Slavery was trampled out in blood. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the lakes to the gulf, our land was deeded to freedom. No more the world points its finger of scorn at us for asserting one thing in our charter of national rights and another in our lives, making our actions give our words the lie.

By the war also, we preserved our national unity. The scheme for the disemberment of the nation failed. We have today, as in 1860, one country, one people, one flag. Although there are parts of our broad land where this new union is not recognized, where a fraternal spirit does not exist and where the rights of citizens—as guaranteed by our constitution and laws—are not allowed by the so-called ruling classes; yet I believe the time is coming when everywhere within our borders brotherhood and peace shall prevail, and when to each—even the lowest of society—shall be given the rights of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" which our organic law promises to all. We could not expect to attain these results at once. All the hate and rancour which a great rebellion arouses will not down in a day—hardly in a generation. But with sagacity and firmness on the part of the government in dealing with those who are not yet willing to obey our laws, with a spirit of patience and forgiveness on the part of the people who are sometimes impatient for results, we may eventually hope to attain a union in reality as well as in name between all the sections of our country.

When that day of real union dawns it will be the brightest we have ever seen. Sectional strife and bitterness will vanish; all American citizens will enjoy full and equal rights before the law. No man will be deprived of the privileges of citizenship "because he is poor, because he is ignorant or because he is black." The union will be more

May 30 **Memorial Day.** 1885

The exercises of Memorial day passed off satisfactory. The observance was very general in this vicinity, and most business places were closed, at least in the afternoon. The weather threatened rain, although not enough fell to interfere with the parade or speaking.

IN SOUTHBRIDGE

The exercises occurred in the afternoon, all places of business being closed. There was a fine appearing procession and parade, the showy uniforms of the fire department and band, blending with the more sombre ones of the G. A. R. post to make an imposing and attractive-looking column. The veterans had nearly 60 men in line. The order of the parade was the same as announced in advance in last week's JOURNAL. At the Catholic cemetery Rev. J. M. Kremmen spoke briefly and to the point.

He characterized Memorial day as a day of fellow-citizenship—a day entirely devoid of race or creed prejudice. Let the services of this day recall the memory that the men who take the oath of allegiance as well as those who are native born will support their country with their lives if necessary. The nation belongs to no party or race, but to the people, and should it again be in peril those who are sometimes called "foreigners" will be as willing as any to help in its defence. Let us live as fellow-citizens, not as divided people. This is a day of united citizenship, and this is a Christian ceremony.

After a prayer fifteen graves of veterans were decorated.

At Oak Ridge cemetery thirty-three graves were decorated, after a prayer and selection by the quartet.

At the conclusion of these exercises a fair-sized audience assembled in Edwards Opera house to listen to an oration by Hon. T. C. Bates.

He began by alluding to the beautiful work of love and duty, which is performed in the strewing of flowers by hands of surviving comrades over the graves of the men who left their homes to face death to secure for us the inestimable blessing which we are today enjoying. Comparing the soldiers of 1861 with the puritan fathers whose praises have been sung over and over again, the speaker concluded that the self-denial was greater, as better homes and circumstances were left by the soldiers of 1861, and in a corresponding degree are they entitled to more favorable consideration. Who can tell of the sadness of those mothers who, realizing it as their duty to God and their country, permitted their sons to enlist, perhaps never to return. It may be that some lie near Andersonville, where six brave Southbridge boys died of starvation, and where their graves can not be decorated, but their memory will remain ever fresh.

The speaker said he was one who believed that we can never do enough to manifest our appreciation of those brave men who went forth to fight for liberty — that the promises so freely given when the nation was urging its young men to enlist should now be faithfully redeemed. One of the things this town has left undone is to furnish some monument or memorial building dedicated to the soldiers' memory.

Southbridge's population in 1860 was 3575 and its valuation $1,304,825, both of which have doubled since then. The town furnished 400 men for the war which was a surplus of 19 over and above all demands under all the calls of the president. $17,313 were expended for war purposes. The speaker after eulogizing the work of the town then turned to the state. No other state did as well as Massachusetts, which sent a surplus of 20,070 men and 26,000 out of a total of about 75,000 for the navy. From 1861 to 1880 she paid in bounties and to soldiers' families 52,052,304. The state paid for state aid in 1880, $400,357 to 8637 persons; in 1881, $418,364 to 8435 persons; in 1882, $422,884 to 6723 persons; in 1883, $419,473, and in 1884, $385,647 to 6426 persons—about half a million of dollars a year, twenty years after the close of the war and long after every state in the union has ceased to do anything of the kind. The state aid law expired last year and was continued till 1890.

In these times of loud calls for economy and retrenchment Massachusetts cuts down her appropriations and expenditures everywhere else except to her soldiers and their families.

More than one-half of the aggregate state taxes have arisen from this cause and yet her total debt is less than seventy cents on the $1000. While many of the states have given the care and custody of disabled and unfortunate soldiers largely to the national government—Massachusetts with her G. A. R. is largely doing this noble work. For the last eleven years the G. A. R. of Massachusetts has paid for relief $294,424 and the amount of relief funds now on hand is $120,569. The present membership in the state is 16,206.

The orator next alluded to what the national government was doing for the soldiers. In 1881 congress appropriated $66,000,000 for pensions, and in 1883 $100,000,000. Claims of 927,322 have been filed and 545,130 allowed. Of this number Southbridge has 29 pensioners who receive $277 per month or $3324 per year. Since the war the government has paid for pensions and cost of disbursement $678,346,834, or nearly one-half the national debt today. The war brought out two strong points in the life of our soldiers—their willingness to serve their country and fight treason, and the willingness with which they returned to their homes and firesides and became peaceable, law-abiding citizens.

Allusion was then made to the strength of the old ties; though companies, regiments, brigades and divisions have been disbanded, no power but death can free you from the sympathies which war created in those who stood together. To maintain the flag and to provide for the disabled soldier, the widow and the orphan, five hundred thousand veterans are still united.

This is your sacred day; you have martial music for they loved it once, you carry the flag for they carried it once, you form in military lines for they were once in column with you. But you carry no cartridges for they fight no more. Their watch is over, their work is done, their country is safe. But in the memory of the past and faithfulness to the living you leave the flowers and go your way to do your duty in the land which the living and the dead made glorious.

And often you feel the uplifting power of the virtues of the dead more than the living examples of goodness which you meet in your daily walks. They still seem to walk the earth and speak in their lives and works for all generations of men. They teach us fidelity and they teach us truth, they inculcate forbearance, they preach self-denial and sacrifice, and so reveal not only an existence beyond the grave but a nobler life upon the earth.

The oration concluded with an eloquent allusion to the needs of the future, with the vast number of all kinds of people coming to these shores to be amalgamated with our people and made good American citizens.

All honor to our soldiers who fought with more than Spartan bravery the wicked forces of disunion, who saved the republic and liberated the race. As we scatter the beautiful flowers on the graves of the honored dead and bedew them tenderly with our tears may we pray that God will give us the heart and the will to do our work as nobly as the heroic men did theirs.

The village schools of the town have for some years been designated by the names of the streets upon which they are located. Since the new school established below the railroad bridge makes the second one on Main street, the committee have voted to name it the Carpenter school in honor of the Rev. Fber Carpenter the first chairman of the school committee and member of the committee for the first twenty-five years of its history—from 1838 to 1852.

The temperance meeting Sunday evening at the Universalist church was well attended. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. Danielson and the sermon preached by Rev. E. S. Best. He took for his text, Eph., vi:18—"Be not drunk with wine." The speaker noticed the fact that, although some of the evils which St. Paul rebuked had passed away, drunkenness still remained; also, the universality of the desire for artificial exhileration. Alcohol was described as a brain poison which weakens the will and materially shortens the average of human life. No hell can be worse than the tortures the rum drinker has to suffer in this world. After describing drunkenness the speaker said that it was caused by the perversion of man's power—by using improper means to stir up the activities. The matter of a cure was next taken up and various advertised nostrums shown to be worthless. The first thing that is necessary is a firm and desperate power of will, but this alone is insufficient against such a terrible diseased appetite. Supernatural means must be relied on, as it is the only thing that can make a sure reform. The speaker made this the emphatic point of his discourse and dwelt at some length on the power of prayer to counteract the power of rum. May 1879.

The examination of the high school last Friday was attended by a goodly number of its friends. The exercises passed off in a manner very creditable to all concerned. Mr. Mellen is an able teacher and with his assistant, Mr. Parson, has done a good and faithful work for the town. At the close of the exercises E. W. Winter, in behalf of his schoolmates, presented Mr. Parson with an easy chair and hassock. Mr. Parson had been re-elected to his position but resigned it in order to devote himself to the study of law, and this gift was a mark of esteem from the pupils he was about to leave. Mr. Parson was taken entirely by surprise, but responded in a pithy speech. The committee and many of the visiting friends concluded the exercises by remarks highly commendatory of the school and its work during the past term. Mar. 26. 1880.

This town has sufficient beauty and natural attractions to be considerable of a summer resort with a little exertion. Every year the number of city people is increasing who are looking for quiet, restful places away from the fashionable crowds. For such Southbridge has peculiar advantages. Few towns are prettier in themselves or have more delightful drives about them. July 1881.

Southbridge bank has had a total deposit of $900,156; deposits in 1878, $110,705. There has been withdrawn $144,675.

Interest of Former Resident. Library, Water Supply, &c,

We have had the pleasure during the past week of reading a private letter written by a former resident of the place, now a prominent merchant in New York city, which contains some thoughts of public interest. The letter was called out by the receipt of the report of the town officers which had been mailed him by a citizen of the place. He says: May 1879.

It always gives me special pleasure to hear what is going on in my native town, and I quite concur in the opinion expressed by an old gentleman who has been a resident of New York more than thirty years, but who in his younger days frequently visited Southbridge and was well acquainted with its prominent men. He told me this morning that Southbridge always was the liveliest town in the southern part of the state, that your citizens had more enterprise and public spirit and intelligence than any other place he knew of; and he added, he thought the same characteristic was as marked at the present time as ever.

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I note two striking facts in the annual report: 1st. The enormous preponderance of French and Irish births. It cannot be that the foreign population exceeds so far the American. Is this peculiar to Southbridge, or does it characterize the factory towns of the state generally?

2d. The enormous disproportion of fictitious and juvenile literature issued from the library. I do not blame the working men and women composing a large part of your people for not relishing after a hard day's work the heavy volumes of history, logic, philosophy or even science as it is generally written. I sympathize with them. But there is a class of writings cropping out fresh from day to day in the literature of all nations which is as fascinating as romance, and more instructive than history, as it is the material from which history is made, and all the more truthful and refreshing as it is nearer the source and sparkles with the life of the fountain. I refer to contemporaneous biographies, autobiographies and memoirs of men and women who have made history or developed science, and themselves become part of the annals of mankind. For example, to mention some which have appeared recently—"Recollections of Bismark during the war with France," "The life and letters of Madame Bunsen," "The king's secret, or memoirs of the DeBroglie family, during the reign of Louis 15th of France." Books of this sort are coming out daily and if brought before your readers by allusions or brief reviews in your newspaper would not fail to interest them and be read extensively. But I consider novel reading not quite so bad as none at all, and I may say I think the reading of good novels, such as your library contains (true pen pictures of men and things, in good English with imaginary conversations on all sorts of subjects), to be improving, bringing the readers as it were for the time into the society of refined people who talk good English and express sentiments which are the results of culture or condemning sentiments which are unworthy.

I see that you have selected for water works precisely the site I have for several years mentioned as most desirable. But while the work is going on I trust it will not be forgotten that water works are not for one generation, and they should be adapted to at least three times your present population. It should be remembered that an abundant water supply will promote the increase of your population and will prove a good investment, not only for the private individuals who put their money into it, but for all the inhabitants of the town. There should be secured an abundant source, one which *can not be contaminated*, and which can be utilized as the growth of the town may require.

Wm. W. Corbin died after a brief but painful illness yesterday morning. He entered the JOURNAL office as an apprentice in 1872, and remained a faithful and industrious boy till 1874, when the office was burned, and at his own request his term of service was concluded. In 1878 he started a job printing office in town, which he has continued ever since, having also at different times started two papers. He was a man of good habits and close attention to business; the industry and frugal life in conducting a business where there was a scant field for it, or none at all, was one of the causes of his early death. His quiet way of attending to his own business, and his lack of malignity or vituperativeness, made him a very pleasant and unobjectionable competitor. Dec. 25. 1884.

The funeral of Mr. Corbin, Sunday, was largely attended by relatives and friends. A number from Southbridge were here, mostly those of his age; their countenances indicated a depth of sorrow that only comes from sincere friendship. There is but a son and daughter left—the present principal of the academy here, the daughter is teaching at Franklin, this state. It seems it is the holiday vacation and as is sometimes her wont, instead of coming home she visits friends at such points as she chooses. She had left Franklin and the message had not reached her in season for the funeral though telegraph messages were sent to various parts. The officiating clergyman was a professor of the divinity school, Tufts College. Dudley-84.

An event of more than ordinary interest occurred in town on Wednesday evening, in the marriage of George Washington to Miss Fannie Robinson. The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. Ransom, and was a very pleasant affair. The guests began to arrive for an hour before the time set for the ceremony, and at the time the rooms were well filled with relatives and friends. The bride was elegantly arrayed in a white dress trimmed with pink, over which in ample and graceful folds, fell the bride's veil profusely adorned with beautiful flowers. The happy couple were made one by Mr. Easterbrooks, and after the ceremony a liberal collation was served of cake and ice cream. The newly wedded couple took their wedding tour in Connecticut. Mr. Washington and his bride have the best wishes of their many friends. Oct. 22. 1884.

Dec. 14. **Farmers' Institute.** 1882.

The meeting yesterday was called to order by G. A. Cheney, of the local committee of arrangements, who welcomed the gathered agriculturists to the town of Southbridge, and introduced the president of the society, Bainbridge Douty of Charlton. Mr. Douty then took the chair and introduced the speaker of the day, Edmund Hersey of Hingham. The subject of the address was "Fertilizers," and the first point made was the need of saving, of making the most of all the waste of house and barn. Yet these will not make good the drain upon the soil from the products taken from it, especially if they are sold from the farm. To make up this loss we have to rely on commercial fertilizers. The speaker advised farmers to sell as much as possible and buy fertilizers, especially those rich in phosphates; nitrogen can be supplied in large quantity from air and waste products of farm. Pure ground bone he thought one of the best fertilizers to buy. He and six neighbors have in company bought machinery for grinding bone so as to get it pure. The great need of Massachusetts is gathering up waste products, especially bones, and grinding them on the farm.

The need of improving pastures was emphasized, and the peculiar value of ground bone as a top dressing.

The application of manure was next considered and the speaker thought the farmers of New England needed information on this subject as much as any other. This involves a knowledge of how plants feed. The soil must be so pulverized that the roots of the plant can receive moisture and air, which unite with the plant food and render it soluble and fit to be absorbed by the little rootlets. The manure must be just under but near the surface so that the moisture and air can readily get at it and advance decomposition. The value of the different elements of the decomposition was noted, particularly carbonic acid. The speaker believing that it is an important element in plant food.

In answer to questions the speaker advocated spring plowing, particularly letting green crops lay over winter. Land should be kept covered with vegetation; if bare continually losing. As a result of experiments manures plowed in did not do as much good as those harrowed in. Land varies and rules may vary in different localities. The speaker owns a farm of sandy loam near the sea coast. Had not had good results from trenching. Believed in spreading green manure in fall for spring plowing; it seems to penetrate the soil. Believes in mulching; thinks more ought to be done. Thought farmers had put too much expense in carting more muck than was needed as an absorbant and in shoveling over manure; must economize more in labor. Are coming more and more to soiling and that benefits the farms more; is coming to that that we can't depend on our pastures. Mr Hudwin, of Worcester, puts in 300 pounds of ground bone to the acre with satisfactory results to pastures.

Dea. Daniel Dwight put on one ton ground bone, 100 bushels of dry ashes, (put together a week before sowing) and had excellent results.

Mr. Hersey said this was a perfect fertilizer. Believed in carting out green manure in the fall and letting it lay over winter. Thought the danger of soils leaching was not as much as people had been led to suppose, but more than the danger of evaporation. In view of the varying conditions and the impossibility of making infallible rules to apply to all cases, he said: It is of the highest importance for a farmer to be a thinking man, hence the importance of these institutes where thought is engendered, and each other's ways and experiments learned and talked over. There is no farmer but what can gain by going around, seeing his neighbors and their methods. Gained much himself by going about the state, and saw the need of more interchange of ideas among farmers.

In answering other questions he said he believed it would pay to haul a reasonable amount of thoroughly dry muck six miles as an absorbent; sand is better than nothing. Coal ashes are good as an absorbent, but doubted their absolute value as a fertilizer. Thought farmers could afford to pay 35 cents for good hard wood ashes in preference to other commercial ferulizers. A bushel of leached ashes is as good as a bushel of dry because three times as much. Dry, weather-beaten bone better than new green ones. Had never cut up bone with vitriol, and didn't recommend it unless a person thoroughly understood the proportions. Bone has to be ground dry; if it is wet water has been added to make it weigh.

Mr. Hersey then gave an interesting description of his works for grinding bone.

An informal discussion followed participated in by Messrs Hersey, Curtis, Dwight, Upham, Wm Weld and others.

Mr. Hersey opened the afternoon meeting by saying he thought there were a good many in the audience, who had valuable ideas. In his opinion the benefit to be gained from this meeting, was in each one telling his experience, and he regreted that there were not others ready to begin meeting. J. O. McKinstry made a few remarks full of good points. He regretted the bashfulness of the farmers in not speaking, and called upon Z. Baker of Dudley.

Mr. Baker said he went to school with Mr. McKinstry and he never knew him to be bashful from that time to to this. Mr. Baker did not claim to be much of a farmer, although he had never claimed to be anything else. He thought the farmers should learn to save and utilize what they have in the way of fertilizers. He thought the farmers and their education was detetiorating, and urged more practical work on the farm and in the school-room. The great trouble is, the farmers are all trying to make something out of nothing.

Mr. Jones, of Warren, was called upon as the best farmer of Warren. He said he thought we should all govern ourselves according to our circumstances. He complimented Mr. Hersey on his modesty in not professing to know how to farm it on all the farms in the state. He gave his idea of the use of ashes and other fertilizers which differed greatly from the other speakers.

Wm. H. Earle, of Worcester, made an elcquent plea for the retention of the young men on the farm. He was a believer in thorough decomposition of manures, and also favored the use of coal ashes as a fertilizer.

Mr. Dwight of Dudley then spoke in favor of the use of muck and other materials as absorbents of liquid manure and as a help towards decomposition. The question being raised whether the raising of turnips did not injure the ground for other crops, Mr. Hersey said he had come to the conclusion it did and he could not afford to raise turnips to feed any way.

After a few remarks by others Mr. Hersey closed the debate with an eloquent plea for the State Agricultural college, also paying a glowing tribute to the farmer.

A vote of thanks was extended to Messrs. Hersey of Hingham, Earle of Worcester, Jones of Warren, Baker of Dudley, and McKinstry of Southbridge, after which the meeting was adjourned. It had been well attended and very interesting.

Mrs. Thos. Sanders was suddenly called to Putnam by the critical condition of her brother, D. K. Olney.

Lizzie E. and Jennie M. Morse of this town are visiting friends in Boston and will be gone a week or more.

Mrs. Malcolm Ammidown is in Brooklyn, N. Y., visiting Wm. Penn Eddy and family, former residents of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Wells, Chas. E. Hayward, E. E. Fuller Joseph H. Pollard and Jas. Taylor jr., attended the recent convention of the Y. M. C. A. at Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Reilly were tendered a reception by the members of their families and representatives of the police force. A social time was enjoyed and many valuable presents were left as reminders of the pleasant occasion.

There has been exhibited the past week in a window of E. C. Ellis' store a crayon portrait of the late Oliver Mason of this town. This portrait has attracted much attention and is the work of Miss Bessie Parker, of Hollis-ton a grand-daughter of Mr. Mason, and who has spent several years in close study at the best art schools in Boston.

1882

Resignation.

About the middle of last September, one Saturday evening, a committee from the Olivet Baptist church of Montreal arrived in town and without stating their business attended the services at the Baptist church here the next day. Rev. A. G. Upham had been recommended to them and they were so well pleased with his sermon that in the evening an interview was had with him and an invitation extended to him to preach the next Sunday at Montreal. The result was a very flattering call from the Canadian church at a very handsome salary. Last Sabbath Mr. Upham read his resignation to his people here and at a special church meeting held after the services the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, In the Providence of God our beloved pastor, Albert G. Upham, has felt it to be his duty to resign as pastor of this church, being fully persuaded in his own mind that God has set before him the way of increased usefulness in his kingdom, and that too, without any seeking on his part.

Resolved, Therefore, that it is a matter of deep regret with us that so long and pleasant a pastorate should now terminate; that the dear and tender relation between us as pastor and people should now cease.

Resolved, Also, that he and his wife go from us we do follow them with our best wishes, and with the prayers that heaven's best blessings may be upon them, and to hear of their prosperity will be a comfort to us. Also,

Resolved, That it is with great reluctance that we accept his resignation, and we can only do this with the feeling that the whole matter has been under the control of the great Head of the church.

The above resolutions speak the sentiments of the church, but the citizens of the town generally regret that so estimable a citizen is to leave us. As a member of the library committee, and in other ways, he has won a high place in the regards of the general public. The church to which he goes is a young one with a membership of about 300, largely composed of active, enterprising business men. Mr. Upham's official pastorate ends the second Sunday in November, but he will supply the pulpit two Sabbaths more. We congratulate Mr. Upham on the fine position opened to him. Oct. 29, 1885.

—In answer to many inquires in regard to the HERALD, and letters of sympathy which we have received. We take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks of your kind remembrance of the late diseased, and to imform you that the paper will continue to be printed at the old office the same as usual.

HOME NEWS.

—The game of Polo between the Brookfield and Southbridge clubs played last Saturday night at Brookfield was won by our club, they winning three straight goals, first goal won by H. W. Bacon Jr., second by Dillaber, third by Albee time of game 35 minutes, the Brookfield club play here the 10th, of January.

—Sandersdale works have decidedly the appearance of business, and will soon be in running order. We wish them an abundance of success.

—On New Years night the Webster Reserves play the Southbridge Reserve club at the Gem Rink, this will be the second game and you may look for fun.

—The game of Polo played last Thursday night between the Webster's and home club was won by the latter Bacon making two goals, and Dillaber one. The Webster's are heavy hitters, the game was very exciting, time of game 38 minuets.

—Read what police officer Grant, of New Haven, has to say in another column.

—The Southbridge HERALD will be issued every Thursday the same as usual, address all communications to the HERALD office.

—Now is your time to subscribe for the HERALD, only one dollar a year the liveliest local paper in this vicinity.

—What has become of the shoe business boom, there are a few who stand ready to lift, when the others get ready.

—This is the week for good resolutions, new diaries and farewell to bad habits. The elderly maiden has also to wait three years before having another chance to pop the question.

—The days are growing longer.

—The game of Polo between the Southbridge vs. Putnams, at Putnam last night, was won by the Southbridge club, by a score of 3 to 1, they taking 1, 2 and 4 goals. They will play the Websters New Year's night.

Personal.

Miss Martha Plimpton is visiting in town. Oct. 29. 1886.

Mrs. Daniel Walker of Lowell is in town.

Geo. Wilcox is confined to the house by a severe sickness.

Mrs. Alex. Paige of Lenora, Kan., is in town for a few days.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

A Complete Roster.

Chief Engineer—Calvin Claflin.
First Assistant—A. H. Cozzens.
Second Assistant—Bradford C. Stone.
Third Assistant—J. W. Robinson.
Fourth Assistant and Clerk—Micheal Egan.

STEAMER NO. ONE.

Foreman—Charles P. Phipps.
Assistant—Ernest L. Gay.
Clerk—Eugene Comstock.
Engineer—Frank Cady.
Assistant—George A. Bartlett.
Fireman—William Felton.
A. E. Buell, Joseph Bibeau, Robert E. Moore, William Northup, James M. Marble, Ernest Chandler, Frank Felton, Frank Reed, George Keach.
Substitute—Irving Brown.

HOOK AND LADDER NO. ONE.

Foreman—George V. Moulton.
Assistant—M. L. Dillaber.
Clerk and Treasurer—E. A. Brown.
Charles Stone, Julius Stone, Frank Vinton, Everett Kenfield, Andrew M. Higgins, Louis Duquette, Napoleon Duquette.

STEAMER NO. TWO.

Foreman—J. W. McKinstry.
Assistant—Luke Rielly.
Clerk—C. W. Hall.
Treasurer—G. W. Upham.
Engineer—A. H. Simpson.
Assistant—G. Simpson.
Fireman—J. A. Ryan.
T. H. Burns, G. H. Thayer, W. F. Bartlett, J. Holden, E. Dougherty, J. Splaine.

HOOK AND LADDER NO. TWO.

Foreman—John J. Ryan.
Assistant—Thomas Shea.
Clerk—John T. Hoben.
Treasurer—Michael W. Kelly.
Edward Splaine, John F. Cuddihy, Michael Breen, Thos. F. Ryan, Wm. Kennedy, Peter Cunningham.
Substitutes—Lucian D. Vinton, Michael Welch. May 1885.

The drive in the brick business the JOURNAL noticed a few weeks since.

The American Optical company has been behind its orders in the steel and rimless departments for several months and has only just got caught up. Business in the gold and silver departments has been and is very quiet. The optical company is building a new foundation and wheel-house to its glass-grinding building. July 1885

The Southbridge Optical company is doing about the usual amount of business, although its works are shut down this week.

The shoe-knife industry is flat, showing no immediate sign of vigor.

The Central mills—cotton cloth—are running on full time, but Mr. Dresser says business is very dull and with no symptoms of improvement.

Work at the Litchfield Shuttle shop is driving, and several large orders are on hand. July 1885

Universalist Entertainment.

The ladies of the Universalist society invited the public yesterday and the day before to a series of entertainments including three novelties for this latitude—a gypsy fair, a broom drill, and a dinner. The plans were well laid, the execution was admirable, and a generous public gave liberal patronage. The ladies increased their already high reputation for skill in the entertainment line.

In spite of the violent weather Wednesday evening there was a fair attendance, and last evening there was a perfect jam; the floor and galleries being well filled. About 200 persons partook of the turkey dinner yesterday, all expressing much praise at its quality and the promptness with which it was served.

The supper last evening was also well patronized.

For the gypsy festival there were suitable decorations of evergreen, and chinese lanterns, with tents for the sale of baskets, ice cream, cake, etc., and a pagoda in the center of the hall for fancy work, etc. A number of ladies and gentlemen wore appropriate costumes. Miss Myra J. Dresser representing the gypsy queen, and John F. Cruff the gypsy chief. On the stage were tableaux representing the abduction of a child by the gypsies, the reception in camp, the discovery by the parents, and the departure. The gypsy chorus from the "Bohemian girl" was sung in costume. The whole presenting in itself a unique and very satisfactory attraction.

Parts in the broom drill were taken by twelve young ladies, Miss Emma Dresser captain, all in uniform with esthetic caps. They went through with various military evolutions in excellent time and military style, receiving encores both evenings. They were drilled by Lieut. A. F. Luther, and handled the brooms like veterans. At the conclusion of the drill last evening the brooms were sold at auction by auctioneer D. D. Clemence, realizing a handsome figure.

For other attractions on Wednesday evening a male quartett Messrs, Tulley, Litchfield, King and Cook sang by request Old Grimes' horse; last evening Miss Carrie Stone sang "On the ramparts" and "Was I wrong," in her best style, although she was suffering from a severe cold.

Among the articles offered for sale were copies of the "Home made cook book" a collection of receipes used by ladies of the society and signed by them.

Arcanum Social.

The members of Phoenix council of the Royal Arcanum, with their families and friends passed a pleasant evening last Friday, at the rooms of the council, in Ammidown block. When the company had gathered, J. M. Cochran called the assemblage to order, and after a brief word of welcome announced the program. The first number was a selection by a male quartet composed of J. F. B. Litchfield, C. W. Hill, C. D. Munroe and J. A. King. This was followed by a reading, by Clarence Winter. Miss Minnie Searls then sang "Twickenham Terry." The next thing was a brief address by A. J. Bartholomew who presented the advantages and claims of the order substantiating several of his points by statistics. The simplicity of the ritual, and the absence of formulas of tressleboard and chart were favorably commented on. The social and mental benefits of such an association were also noticed. Alluding to the pecuniary benefits, the principle of cooperative insurance was discussed, the speaker claiming that it was justified first by experience. It has less numerous wrecks than have the stock companies, cooperative companies have outlived some of the oldest of the other concerns. In answer to one objection often urged against cooperative insurance, the speaker showed that there would be a maximum average age of members which could not be passed, and when that was attained an organization of this kind might go on indefinately; secondly cooperative insurance is the cheapest.

At the conclusion of the address, another selection was sung by the quartet, and a collation was served in the banquet room. After the inner man was well filled, the exercise of dancing was resorted to, that digestion might have its perfect work. Sets were formed in both rooms, and an agreeable hour was passed in this manner.

The Hyde Manufacturing company filed the following certificate July 25: treasurer I. P. Hyde; fixed capital $8,000, capital paid in $8,000. Assets —land and water power $2,000, buildings $3,000, machinery $4,500, cash and debts receivable $4,370, manufactures $2,436, miscellaneous $398; total $16,704. Liabilities — capital stock $8,000, debts $1,350, profit and loss $4,354, reserve for depreciation $3,000; total $16,704.

Southbridge's Prominent Sons.

To the Editor of the Southbridge Journal:

The town sustains great loss in the death of such citizens as Dr. Hartwell and Manning Leonard have been.

Few of that generation of men remain among the living which has given to it a just renown, as a community, and a stability of character, that has marked its growth ever since its incorporation. Not indeed by giving to the state or nation great leaders; not to the country men of ranking prominence in official trusts. The ambitions of such men has not been theirs, however well we knew they might have been fitted for such duties, or serviceable for wider spheres of action than they sought. But in capacity and worth no township has been more favored than this. A volume of biographies might be written of the lives of these characters, numbering scores of them who have led on our prosperous career with a sagacity and foresight that is the pride of our people. They were men of originality and individual traits of character peculiar to themselves. The suggestion of such citizens as Jedediah Marcy, Otis, Calvin, Holmes, Ebenezer D., Luther and Larkin Ammidown, Bela Tiffany, Moses Plimpton, Timothy Paige, Harvey Dresser, James Wolcott, the Edwards brothers, Linus Child, Benj. D. Hyde, Fred. W. Botham, the Ballard brothers, the McKinstrys, Fiskes, Dr. Samuel Hartwell and these recent dead, with others, present a galaxy of names of men of unusual strength and capacity that rivals the best in the communities of New England. Pity it is, so little of the record of these lives has been preserved—lives that have made business here stable and prosperous—personal ambitions so little exacting and prominent—character and social virtues the ornaments of life—and our town all it has been. As the last of the living of the generation associated with them shall leave us, let us gather up the elements of their worth in the annals of history, and preserve them as the treasures of the past in illustrious example and trading to make life useful and beneficent, remembering that every community is nothing beyond what its people for themselves make it, and that the influence of even a few individuals of strength and character for leadership can be made a great factor in that direction.

A. J. B.

Out of town parties shipped a carload of apples from the station this week. The price paid was $1.25 delivered at the depot.

BUILDING OPERATIONS.

Growth in 1881 and 1882.

The town of Southbridge has been growing so rapidly for several years that former residents returning after a few years' absence find very much to cause surprise, and we have even seen persons who reside here all the time taken to many streets on which they could not see a single familiar thing and hardly knew where they were. The annual number of new buildings probably averages about twenty; some years it has been over thirty. Last year the number built and noticed in these columns was somewhat smaller than usual, but the buildings were of such a quality that the real addition to the town was above the average. First on the list was the elegant residence of Alpha M. Cheney on Chestnut street—a house that has no superior in the town; then were noticed residences of F. H. Marble on South street, Geo. L. Winter and Mrs. Goodier on Marcy street, and Dr. Bulfinch on Edwards street, all of excellent quality. Not inferior are the residences of M. J. Surprenant and Peter St. Martin on Central street. Wm. Edwards built four more of those small cottages, making neat, comfortable homes—far better than the crowded tenement houses. On Oakes avenue Mr. Oakes built a good two tenement house which was tastefully painted, making it one of the most showy buildings in town. Among the manufacturing buildings were the new shops of the Hyde Manufacturing company and of H. & W. Harrington Geo. W. Wells built a very fine greenhouse on Dresser street. This list makes fifteen buildings—and fifteen of much more than average value. But it does not represent all the building that was done in town during the year. Barns were built by Messrs. Winter, Goodier, Bulfinch and Cheney, the "spec shop" was enlarged, and other buildings were enlarged or otherwise improved.

This year the season is opening very well and the builders are all busy Sylvester Dresser has two houses staked out on Summer street and a third is is being built by Hartwell Hobbs. The new building of the American Optical company has already been noticed in these columns. Albert Perry is building a dwelling house on Plimpton street. The frame of the Union church parsonage on Hamilton street is up and the inclosing nearly finished. B. U. Bugbee is repairing the Palmer Harding house at so much expense as to warrant calling it a new house. S. K. Edwards is erecting four small dwellings for rent on River street. Dr. Gauthier has built a blacksmith shop on West street near his residence. Wm. Edwards has three small cottages staked out on the flat near North street. J. M. Marble has begun a residence on Oakes Avenue. This list of buildings already under way the present season numbers sixteen. Several more are contemplated. In addition to the new buildings considerable is being done this season in repairing old ones and adapting them to modern ideas. The repairs on Dr. Curtis' residence have been noticed; the Hamilton Woolen company has enlarged its dye house; B. Silk is constructing a barn on Marcy street. So that taking all things into account there is no reason to be ashamed at the degree of growth which the town is making this year.

Prohibition Now

We give our readers a document, numerously signed, in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquor in this town; and we are informed that there is to be a public meeting at the town hall on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the methods to be taken to suppress this infamous business. All persons who have signed the document and all others who have not had the opportunity to sign and are in sympathy with the movement, are invited to be present.

We, the subscribers, citizens of Southbridge, believe that the amount of sales of intoxicating liquor in this town is a sufficient cause for anxiety and alarm, that the large number of places where our youth, young men, and reformed men are tempted to drink is fearful. We also believe that it is the duty of all law abiding citizens and lovers of sobriety to join hands and through their united strength suppress these terrible evils. We therefore hereby pledge ourselves to each other that we will do all in our power and sustain and encourage others in doing what can be done for the suppression of these alarming evils.

S M Lane	S P Irwin Jr
J M Clemence	F P Pratt
Pliny Litchfield	J A King
Sam'l L Morse	N E Putney
Wm H Jacobs	Joseph Abbott
Edwin S Beecher	Elbridge G Guy
John A Marcy	Joseph Danielson
Matthew McVey	J E Smith
S P Irwin	Sylvester Dresser
Joseph Williams	A J Bartholomew
P H Carpenter	Geo H Mellen
Geo W Corey	C A Paige
Andrew H Morse	Jonathan Cutting
Henry D Mason	J M Marble
C D Paige	L Morton
G L Winter	E Bacon
C V Carpenter	Hartwell Hobbs
Leonard Cutler	Henry Fiske
H C Wells	H S Vaughn
Alpha M Cheney	John McClary
Robt H Cole	John Rowley
Harrison Cole	Daniel Whitford
Fred'k G Blanchard	L W Curtis
H N Horton	W F McKinstry
E S Swift	Marcel Girard
Emerson E Chace	James M Ammidown
James A Dodge	Gilbert D Gunn
C H Bigelow	G H Wilson
W S Fitts	Albert McKinstry
W E Alden	L W Curtis
J W McKinstry	C H Hanson
James T McKinstry	J N Connor
Lucian Webster	J H Connor
George Boulfon	H F Plimpton
James Long	Daniel Chamberlain
C W Weld	John Tatterson
Joel Cheney	Judson McIntire
C D Monroe,	C S Edmunds,
F W Eaton,	Temple of Honor by
F L Chapin,	M L Brainerd, WCT
A F Luther,	E Merritt Cole,
H J Conant,	A G Upham,
Thos Potter,	Henry C Cady,
Robert Herron,	W P Plimpton,
James Jagger,	B V Stevenson,
Geo F Wall,	H T Hyde,
C E Cady,	Augustus Cook,
Wm C Barnes,	S C Hartwell,
L N Holden,	J M Cochran,
C T Carpenter,	E M Phillips,
Thos Whitaker, jr.,	Geo J Lamoreaux,
A W Olds,	Chas Hyde,
Geo M Whitaker,	C M Carpenter,
S Williams,	Henry Hyde,
John Comins,	C W Hill,
F W Botham	Edgar M Phillips,
A H Shepard,	I P Hyde,
James R Harris,	Franklin Jacobs,
George S Stone,	L D Clemence,
J J Oakes,	J E Clemence,
Geo S Truesdell,	Joseph Fallows,
A J Coombs,	I B Martin,
J F Cruff,	C E Lombard,
Frank Parson,	G W Martin,
Harry C Winter,	James D Green,
G L Winter,	Alden Potter,
Dr S S Silva,	Wm Edwards,
Festus C Litchfield,	Frank Edwards,
J M Olney,	J O McKinstry,
E B Cummings,	F S Paige,
H D West,	B U Bugbee,
N E Smith,	Jacob Booth,
V Joslin,	Wm Booth,
George Brackett,	James Brown,
George Baylies,	Arthur J Daniels,
B Harwood,	Gayton Ballard,
Manning Leonard,	Winfield S Kilton,
G A Millay,	J S Gleason,
Frank C Litchfield,	John McGregory,
Charles P. Chace,	Geo C Shepard,
Otis S Brainerd,	G G Bulfinch,
E M Litchfield,	L Phelps,
E S Northup,	A L Pelton.
L S McIntire	

Dr. Pitts E. Howes, of Hyde Park, Mass., has recently located in Southbridge. Dr. Howes is a graduate of the Eclectic Medical institute of Cincinnati, and we learn that when he graduated with a class of 113 he took one of two medals that were offered by the faculty for best scholarship, obtaining it with an average of 99 5-7 percent in all of the various departments. This certifies to the fact that the doctor must be well versed in his business, and will without doubt be well received by the citizens of Southbridge and vicinity. He will succeed in a great measure to the practice of Dr. West whose health of late has compelled him to give up very active business.

H. C. Hedges Agent, for P. T. Barnum & Co's greatest show on earth was in town last week and rented all of P. M. Clarke's bulletin boards to display their paper for their show in Worcester on the tenth of June next.

The selectmen call attention to the liability of all property owners in allowing snow and ice to accumulate on sidewalks adjoining their property. Officers Clarke and Reilly have been instructed to report all violations of the law.

The East St. Louis Dressed Beef Company are making arrangements for the cold storage of dressed beef in town and for that purpose have leased a building of the Edwards Grain Company which is being fitted up for that purpose. The capacity of the the refrigerator room will be fifty tons of ice.

The seventy-ninth birthday of the poet Whittier was observed by the School street higher grammar school last Friday afternoon. The order of exercises included the reading by the scholars in rotation of a biographical sketch of the poet, interspersed at various points by the recitation of some selections from Whittier's poems. Among the visitors at the school were the parents of a number of the scholars also Superintendent Clark, Messrs Hyde and Haggerty of the school committee all of whom speak in high terms of the work done by Miss Gushee and her pupils.

The store of Julius S Gleason, always replete with clean and high grade goods attractively arranged, presents an unusually fine appearance this week. Every nook and corner, tables, windows and counters, are filled with seasonable goods. His supply of New England grown turkeys, geese, ducks, chickens and game is surprisingly large and fine, and his stock of candies, strictly pure in every sense of the word, is immense and of almost endless variety. It is a sight for one to see the constant stream of customers going in and out of this store at every hour of the day, yet the large corps of clerks in attendance insures to everyone a prompt attention.

A pleasant greeting and family reunion was held at the residence of C. H. Bigelow, last week, attended by Wm. Booth and family, Jacob Booth and daughter, F. W. Rowley and wife, visiting friends and a few others. Mr. Bigelow furnished a very fine clam bake and before the party separated they were succesfully photographed in a group. Sept. 1880.

The veteran firemen's excursion from Boston and Providence to Rocky Point last Monday was attended by forty-three from this place. The old Tiger hand machine acquitted itself very creditably throwing 161 feet while its competitor, the Water Witch, only got 142. The tubs were then placed side by side and each company tried to wash the other out. The Tiger's company emptied their engine twice and then waited for more water. This old machine was the Old Lafayette purchased by the city of Boston in 1842 and at one time popularly known as Silver Hinges. It was sold to the town of Southbridge in 1854.

Personal.

E. D. Reynolds is in New York.

Mrs. Monroe Reynolds is visiting in Castile, N. Y.

Wm. Lamb is spending his vacation in Southbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Litchfield have been at Saratoga.

Miss Myra B. Martin started for Buffalo yesterday.

Miss Minnie Cady is visiting friends in Merriden, Conn.

Miss Lizzie Woodard of Webster has been visiting in town.

Edwin Thompson of Providence is visiting S. C. Edmonds.

Geo. Cheney is reading law with E. B. Sprague in Worcester.

Miss Thacher of Brooklyn, N. Y., is stopping in town for a few days.

Mrs. W. C. Barnes and Mrs. F. Edwards have been at the Buttonwoods.

Miss Ida Howe and sister from Brookfield, visited friends in town last week.

Alfred Plimpton and Chas. Bartlett were the guests of Dea. Fenn of Putnam, for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Kimball and Lizzie A. Blanchard of Dover, N. H., are visiting Dr. H. D. West.

Mrs. Luther Johnson of Lynn is spending a few days in town with her sister Miss Margaret Bosworth.

Miss Emma F. Dresser, will enter Dean Academy at Franklin in September for the purpose of pursuing music.

Mrs. Mary Rice and Leonard Webster and son Herbert of Waltham have been visiting at the Globe Village house.

Miss Grace Hayward, now a member of the senior class at Smith college is spending her vacation visiting friends in New Hampshire.

Mrs. Herburt Edmonds (nee Annie Irwin), with her daughter Alice and son Frank, from Baltimore, are visiting relatives in town.

J. M. Cochran is taking his vacation in New Hampshire. Wednesday he delivered an excellent address at a republican flag raising in Suncook.

Frank. D. Dresser and Frank S. Paige attended Blaine's reception in Portland, Me., Wednesday evening and yesterday went to Old Orchard beach, for a few days.

Joseph Fallows was the recipient of a set of machinists' tools from the overseers and a pen picture from the bookkeeper of the Central Mills Co., upon his departure to the far West.

Elisha Cole of New York, a native of Southbridge and an older brother of R. H. Cole, died yesterday afternoon in this place. He had been in ill health a number of years and returned here this summer to spend his last days.

Mrs. C. L. Rice, a sister of Wm. and Jacob Booth and Mrs. C. H. Bigelow, who was visiting here a few days since, died suddenly at her home in Scranton, Pa., last week Thursday. The Messrs. Booth, Mrs. Bigelow and Mrs. M. J. Booth went out to the funeral.

Band.

The concerts given by the Southbridge Brass band are very popular. A large number of people gathered at the corner of Main and High streets last Friday evening and gave evidence of their enjoyment of the music by frequent applause.

The Southbridge brass band will give a concert Thursday evening August 12, on the lawn in front of the town hall, the following is the program:

March, "Veterans Pride," - Casey.
Waltz, "Myosotis," - - Meyrelles.
Song, "Hurry little children," - Prendiville.
Baritone Solo, "Thy Sentinel am I," - - - - - Harmon.
Solo by Mr. Young.
March, "Col. Mitchells," - Taylor.
Selection, "Gems of Scotland," - Cavallini.
Polka duet, "Two Friends," - Bagley.
March, "Gen. Landers," - Casey.
Duet, "Larboard Watch," - Williams.
Galop, "Rescue," - - - Ripley.

S. F. Tower, accompanied by Fyfe Hall, will make a pedestrian tour of the White Mountains. They arrived in Plymouth Tuesday, which place they were to make a starting point, taking the trip leisurely, and devoting a month's time to its accomplishment. It will be a most enjoyable manner of recreating, and one which is growing in popularity.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

VI.

COLUMBIAN MILL.—The first mill was built in 1821. Business was conducted under a general charter until the year 1825, when an incorporated company was formed, consisting of E. D. Ammidown, Moses Plimpton, Dr. Samuel Hartwell, Stillmon Plimpton, William Healy, and Joseph Congdon. Only two of the original company are now living.

The mill was burned in 1844; in 1856 it was rebuilt by E. D. Ammidown. For several years the mill was then run by Malcolm and H. C. Ammidown. Soon after the commencement of the rebellion M. Ammidown enlisted as a private soldier, but was promoted to a lieutenancy in the Thirty-fourth Massachusetts Regiment. He was taken prisoner and died in the rebel hands. After his death the property was purchased by H. C. Ammidown, who operated the mill for a time, making many improvements and repairs, placing it in quite good condition for the manufacture of cottons, &c.

In 1867 Henry T. Grant, of Providence, purchased the mill, the machinery consisting of fifty looms and water-power, and commenced the manufacture of light sheetings.

In the month of January, 1868, Mr. Grant associated himself with Mr. W. Cunliff, a thorough practical manufacturer, under the firm name of Columbian Company, for the manufacture of print cloths. While in partnership with Mr. Cunliff a building was commenced of wood, 145 by 45 feet, two stories in height.

During the winter and spring work upon the new building was pushed forward, so that early in June, the new machinery having arrived, it was placed in position, and very soon after the looms were running. At this time the mill contained ninety Mason's narrow looms, 4,736 spindles and the necessary machines for carding. Soon after the machinery was started it was found that the Fall River turbine water-wheel did not furnish sufficient power for the work, consequently it was replaced by a sixty-inch Laffel double turbine wheel which has proved itself of ample power for all emergencies.

After a time Mr. Grant purchased Mr. Cunliff's interest in the company, still preserving the old name.

From time to time the purchase of additional machinery has been necessary and to-day the company have in active opperation 122 looms and 5,392 spindles, consuming weekly about 5,000 pounds of cotton, producing from 28,500 to 29,000 yards of sixty-four square print cloths.

The business of the company is at present successfully managed by W. A. H. & F. B. Grant, who are well known as active, enterprising, hard working men. Of this type there are none to many.

Aug 8 **Thanks** 1884

To the Editor of the Southbridge Journal:

As mention has been made in a previous issue of the JOURNAL of my removal to Portland, Oregon, I desire to make some public manifestation for many acts of kindness and encouraging words that have been offered me by my friends during my residence in this town.

I take this method to tender my sincere thanks to the members of Steamer No. 1, for the reception so kindly tendered me Friday evening, July 18, assuring them that I fully appreciate their kindness and the good will that has always prevailed between them and myself during my connection with the department.

To my employers "The Central Mills company", and its officers for the many courtesies extended to me, and the pleasant relations that have existed between us for the many years that I have been employed by them; and to the overseers and other employees of the Central Mills company for their tokens of regard and friendship, assuring all that although I shall cast my lot thousands of miles distant, I shall ever hold in grateful remembrance the pleasant associations that bind me to Southbridge, and the many kind friends which I leave behind. Leaving you all in the hands of Him who guideth the Universe and wishing you all happiness and prosperity I remain,

Truly your friend,
JOSEPH FALLOWS.

Aug The Southbridge Quadrille band goes to Point of Pines this afternoon to furnish music for the dancing there. It will remain till Saturday and play for the skaters. A clambake will be served Sunday at Point of Pines. 1884

Aug 8 **Town Meeting.** 1884

The town meeting Monday afternoon was not largely attended, but developed considerable discussion. The vote passed at the last meeting relative to selling land to the Congregational society, was reconsidered and the following was passed:

Whereas, The Congregational religious society in Southbridge are to build a new church edifice for worship upon the site of that recently taken down, and the lot itself is scarcely sufficient in width to contain the contemplated structure in accordance with the plans adopted; and

Whereas, It seems advisable that a structure of such architectural beauty as that designed should not be obscured by anything erected upon the town house lot, and it is the sense of this meeting that reasonable facilities can be granted to said society to carry out its plans without great injury to the town house lots; therefore

Voted, That the town grant to said society and its successors, the right and privilege of erecting the tower of its new church edifice on the town house lot as contemplated, not exceeding four feet in width, measured from the south line of the town house lot, and of maintaining the same thereon forever with the right to go on to said lot to build and keep the same in repair, for and in consideration of one dollar, and the privilege also of having the grade of said town house lot kept as now graded, and no structure built on a line nearer than sixteen feet to said tower running parallel with the north line of said tower from Elm street east, to the rear of said church edifice.

Voted, That the treas be instructed to execute, deliver, and acknowledge a deed of the same in behalf of the inhabitants of the town.

The sewer question brought out a sharp personal acrimonious debate which consisted principally in rethrashing old straw. Tempers were lost, personalities were indulged in and the meeting was no credit to the town. The Hamilton Woolen company's operatives were out in considerable force to vote down the sanitary relief to the town, and they succeeded.

Five hundred dollars were appropriated for the contingent expense account.

Dec **Among the Churches.**

Some of the churches are preparing for Christmas services and concerts.

Christmas festival of the Baptist Sunday school Friday evening at six o'clock.

The Sabbath school connected with the South church have a Christmas tree this evening.

There will be no meeting in the school house in Pratt's neighborhood next Sunday evening.

At the Union church next Sunday evening at six o'clock a Christmas concert will be given by the Sunday school. An elaborate program has been prepared.

The Columbian Mills Burned.

The most disastrous fire this town has seen for many years broke out in the Columbian Mills a few minutes past one, Saturday morning. The following plan will help understand the situation:

This represents a ground plan of the mill. A is the original brick mill with a tower at the right towards C, in which were stairways connecting the different floors; D is the wooden addition built a few years ago by Mr. Grant, connecting by the passage way C with the brick mill through the tower. The watchman had just finished his round, finding everything all right, and was near the centre of D on the first floor, when he smelt fire coming from C. He at once rushed in that direction but was driven back by the smoke. He then ran up some stairs in the mill D to the upper floor to get at the tower, from which the fire came and where the bell rope hung, but here, too, he was driven back by the smoke. Unable to ring the bell and with the mill on fire he gave the best alarm he could by shouting. He started the force pumps and attached the hose to the hydrant, but he could not do much alone or with the slight assistance he was able to raise at first. A messenger was dispatched up street where the alarm was sounded about 1:15. When Mr. Fowler, the agent, arrived at the mill the passage-way C was all on fire and a part of the eastern portion of the mill D; but the flames had not gained much headway in the mill A, which from indications at that time would not be burned. Steamer 1 arrived in about fifteen or twenty minutes after the alarm but unfortunately got its suction in the mud which with imperfect packing in a coupling caused it to fail to acomplish its best work. The town having no arrangement for telephoning fire alarms and the Hamilton Woolen company's watchmen being under instructions not to ring the company's bells in case of a fire, the alarm was from twenty minutes to half an hour in getting from the Central street engine house to the Main street engine house, so that the fire had a headway of nearly an hour before Steamer 2 got a stream. But the machine worked to a charm and did excellent service.

Meanwhile the flames had spread steadily and rapidly, through both the wooden and brick mill. The heat was so intense that the boarding house took fire and was consumed, the Hook & Ladder men pulling down the half burned walls to deaden the heat. The north and east walls of the counting room were also badly burned, as was the roof of the brick tenement house. The other buildings in the village were in much danger, but were protected by men on ladders watching the flying brands with buckets of water.

When the situation was the most critical the "Old Tiger" was drawn down to the fire but the engineers would not allow it to be used.

The mill was owned by Mrs. Harriet Tyler, of Providence, and run by E. P. Chapin of the same place. It had recently been fitted up with much new machinery for the manufacture of yarn, new boiler and engine, water wheel, flume, electric light plant, etc., and was in first class condition, never better. For some time up to two weeks ago it had been running night and day. It had 9000 spindles and was making 7000 pounds of yarn per week on day time. The total loss is in the neighborhood of $80,000, and the insurance is about $65,000 placed in a number of stock companies.

The burning of the mill is a severe blow to the operatives thrown out of employment, as well as to the town. About seventy persons were employed and the pay roll was about $2000 per month. This manufacturing privilege was originally a portion of the Morris farm of 159 acres, which was sold to James B. Mason of Providence, and a canal for a mill begun, in 1815. Two years later it was sold to Col. William Foster, and in 1818 to Major Calvin Ammidown for $4600. In 1819 the mill side and water rights on the south side of the river were sold to E. D. Ammidown and others for $400. In 1821 a mill was built, and the same year Moses Plimpton bought a fifth interest in the concern for $635. Samuel L. Newell also became part owner and superintendent. In 1825 Mr. Newell was killed by being caught in a belt and revolved about a shaft, and the difficulty in settling the partnership led to the organizing a stock company of thirty-six shares of $1000 par value. In 1844 the mill was burned, the company disolved and the real estate passed into the hands of E. D. Ammidown. In 1856 a new mill, marked A in above plan, was built and fitted for the manufacture of cotton yarns and flannels. It was deeded to Mr. Ammidown's sons, Malcom and Henry C. The former having died the property passed into the possession of the later and was sold in 1866 to H. T. Grant, of Providence, for $37,000. The next year the wooden building, marked D in above plan, was built and the mill fitted up with 4736 spindles and 108 looms for the manufacture of print cloths. It remained in the possession of Mr. Grant and his sons, Wm. H. H. and Henry T., for several years, W. H. H. Grant being the manager for most of the time. Financial embarassments again troubled the property and after much litigation it was sold at auction in Sept. 1879 and bought by Mrs. Tyler a relative of the Messrs. Grant for $25,100.

Since then it has been run on a lease by Loomis & Newell, Loomis Bros., and Mr. Chapin. Under the latter management great enterprise and push has been shown and the property had got into excellent condition Aug. 9. 84.

One of the most commendable, charitable objects before the attention of the public is that of a seashore home for sick children at Winthrop. This project now of assured success owes much to Dr. M. L. Chamberlain, formerly of this town, who has been an earnest, energetic worker for it. One of the prominent events of the season at Nantasket beach will be a grand promenade concert and ball in aid of the home, to be held in the skating rink on Monday evening Aug. 27. Dr. Chamberlain who with his esteemable wife are leading lights in the social life at Nantasket, is the projector of this entertainment and is sparing no pains to make it a grand success. The concert will be given by the consolidated Cadet and American bands led by Carl Zerrahn, with Walter Emerson for cornet soloist. Senator Hoar, Ex Gov. Long and a host of other dignitaries are on the various committees.

The graduating exercises of the High school class of '79 will be held at Dresser hall, tomorrow, Friday evening, at eight o'clock. All are invited. The exercises will include essays by Misses Ida E. Whitford, Jennie Dillaber, Mary E. Clemence and Nellie A Douty; orations by Masters Frank E. Brooks, Geo. M. Cheny and Alva L. Hyde, together with a valedictory, presentation of diplomas, songs by the school and instrumental music by the Southbridge orchestra.

Social Reunion.

At the time of the recent sleigh ride to Brimfield the expression was frequent, especially among the older part of the community, that it seemed absurd to have to ride ten miles and back in the cold for a social evening and a turkey supper. This feeling coupled with a suggestion in the JOURNAL for an annual reunion of the business men of the place, led to the extending of a general invitation to participate in a short sleigh ride in town and the immediate vicinity, to be followed by a supper, dancing and a social season. Theodore Harrington took the laboring oar and worked up details with a great deal of enthusiasm. Tuesday was the day determined upon. Before the hour for the sleigh ride the clouds had begun to gather and many were deterred from joining. But a few minutes before four a goodly string of fine teams filed down Central street headed by Mr Harrington with his unexcelled pair; other two-in-hands were given by D W [illegible] E C E[illegible] and C. S. Edmunds. [illegible] did not all go in pairs and among the others noticed in line were C D Paige, A B Goodier, Edwin Bacon, Dr. Longbear, G Clarence Winter, O B. E Chipman, Jas H Sanders, Philip Bacon, Emer Bacon, C. H. Burr, John Hanson, Wm. Eccleston and Arthur Sicotte. A pleasant drive through portions of Charlton and Sturbridge succeeded without mishap or exciting adventure.

About one hundred and fifty had signified their intention of being present in the evening at the Dresser house and the tables were set for that number; over one hundred and eighty however were present, and the number severely taxed the facilities of the house but with little delay the whole number were served in a very creditable manner. At about a quarter to nine o'clock the company sat down to the discussion of the following menu, extra tables being set in rooms adjoining the dinning room to accommodate the larger number:

MENU.

OYSTERS, STEWED.

ROAST.

Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Pork, Apple Jelly, Beef.

ENTREES.

Escaloped Oysters, Macaroni Creme, Chicken Pie.

RELISHES.

Halford Sauce, Celery, Sweet Pickle, Pickles, Chow Chow, Cheese, Pickled Peppers.

VEGETABLES.

Mashed Potatoes, Boiled Potatoes, Turnips, Squash, Beets.

PASTRY.

Mince Pie, Apple Pie, Custard Pie.

CAKE.

Fruit, Lady, Jelly, Marble, Chocolate, Raised.

DESSERT.

Nuts, Apples, Grapes, Wine Jelly. Oranges.

CREAMS.

Vanilla, Lemon.

TEA. COFFEE.

The affair being almost impromptu no speech making had been arranged for, but some very pleasing vocal music was rendered in the parlor which with conversation whiled the time away until the dining hall had been cleared and the orchestra invited the company thither for dancing which continued until 1:30.

The company was a largely representative one including the professional man, manufacturer, and trader with their families, old and young, and was of unusual sociability. The only criticism made was the postmasters' comment on the presence of so many polished pates, but it was observed that they lingered as late as the younger portion of the crowd.

Although the gathering was one hurriedly planned and executed it was the success that such affairs frequently are which have not been anticipated and talked over a length of time. It has been suggested that a similiar entertainment be held annually that the people may have an opportunity of renewing acquaintances which minor gatherings do not offer.

William Willard the artist is at work upon a portrait of General Chamberlain of Maine, and has had the general at his Sturbridge residence for two days during the past week. On Saturday they drove to Southbridge to allow the artist to make some photographic studies at Lovell's. As soon as it was known how distinguished a person was in town, several gentlemen who had previously known him called upon him at Mr. Lovell's rooms, and subsequently he was tendered an informal reception at C. D. Paige's store. The affair was very impromptu but showed a hearty appreciation of the general's ability and achievements. He expressed himself to a JOURNAL representative as very much pleased at the honor shown him here and as fully appreciating it. He regretted that he could not remain long enough to accept of invitations to visit the American Optical company's works and other places.

Odd Fellows.

A very pleasant social, literary, musical and gustatory entertainment took place in Odd Fellows hall last Tuesday evening under the auspices of Southbridge lodge. The room was literally filled by a select company of people. The following was the program:

Welcome.....Noble Grand, R. H. Lord
Instrumental Music.....Southbridge Orchestra.
Historical Address.....P. G. Tunnicliff.
Vocal Music—The Belfry Tower
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, Mrs. E. T. Morse, H. N. Carpenter, Augustus Cook
Declamation—Charles Sumner
Clarence Winter.
Vocal Music—The Three Chafers
Augustus Cook, C. S. Edmunds, Chas. Monroe, J. F. B. Litchfield.
Address.....P. G. Rev. B. V. Stevenson.
Supper.
Instrumental Music.....Southbridge Orchestra.
Duett—Forget me not
Augustus Cook, H. N. Carpenter
Vocal Music—I'll think of thee
Male Quartette.

Mrs. Frank Edwards was organist of the evening. In addition to the above Mrs. Carpenter sang, in her best manner, "Maid of Dundee," and "I could not call her Mother." The entertainment concluded with dancing. The lodge of Odd Fellows have reason to congratulate themselves on the very acceptable entertainment they gave the people they invited to their hall. In this connection we would also notice the elegant new canopies which have been placed at each end of the hall which add so much to its fine appearance.

A recent issue of the Worcester *Spy* had an interesting article on Worcester county minerals. It said that Worcester county has been and still remains to a great extent practically an unknown land so far as a knowledge of its mineral wealth is concerned. The following are some of the varieties found hereabouts:

Brookfield—Limonite (bog ore), garnet.

Oxford—Pyrite, arsenopyrite, graphite, talc.

Southbridge—Green feldspar, limonite.

Spencer—Mica, limonite, pyrite, pomblenite, feldspar.

Sturbridge—Graphite, garnet, apatite, limonite, alum (?), feldspar, marl.

In addition should be noticed the granite and gneiss of Dudley. The graphite mines of Sturbridge are very famous and were the means of early calling this region to the attention of white settlers. We have found feldspar, quartz, amorphous garnets and mica all through this section. 1885.

Mrs. Josephine Talbot, relict of Thos. Talbot, had a third paralytic shock last Monday night and died Tuesday morning. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church yesterday afternoon. DEC. 11, 1882.

Installation.

Rev. Mr. Danielson's installation passed off very satisfactory yesterday, although it was much to be regretted that the weather was so unpropitious, preventing many from attending. The two hours' examination in the afternoon convinced the council of Rev. Mr. D's orthodoxy, and the evening exercises took place as announced last week. They were all peculiarly apt in their nature. Rev. J. P. Bixby preached an able discourse from the text, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." The theme was the perfectness of the Bible as a book, and its use in converting souls. The address to the pastor by Rev. G. H. De Bevoice was a model charge. The installing prayer was offered by Rev. M. L. Richardson, followed by the right hand of fellowship by Rev. G. A. Jackson, which was very good, being tender and brotherly. The address to the people by Rev. Chas. S. Sumner was eminently practical and pointed. It was quite humorous in places. Among other things the speaker advised the church to build a new vestry which should be in keeping with the main audience room; he also warned the people against having the two preaching services on the Sabbath so near together as to crowd the pastor out of the Sunday school. The exercises were interspersed with excellent singing from the chorus choir under the leadership of Chorester Colton. The ladies had taken much pains and showed excellent taste in the floral decorations about the pulpit. Back of it was placed a cross, while overhead hung a basket of ferns. On each side of the pulpit were baskets of ferns, and on a table in front was a floral anchor. The effect was very beautiful. June 6, 1877.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1884.

School Committees' Salaries.

To the Editor of the Southbridge Journal:

Hearing remarks about our streets that the salary of the school committee has amounted to eight or nine hundred dollars the past year, it seems proper to correct the misapprehension by an exact statement of facts in the case. The following is the exact salary of each member for services rendered between March 1, 1883, and March 1, 1884:

Sylvanus Hayward,	$251.25
J. J. Oakes,	238.13
J. M. Ammidown,	168.28

To this should properly be added an amount, probably about $40.00, paid G. M. Whitaker of the old board for services rendered after March 1, 1883, and before his successor was chosen. This makes the sum total $697.63 The incorrect impression has undoubtedly arisen from taking in part of the salary of the year before. COR.

Among the Churches.

Rev. J. Danielson expects to exchange with Rev. J. G. Leavitt of Webster next Sabbath morning.

Rev. Mr. Pierson, the Unitarian clergyman of Fitchburg, will preach at the Universalist church next Sabbath.

Rev. F. Magwire last Sabbath preached a very practical sermon on the Bible. He claimed that, in spite of the apparent scepticism of the times, the number of new versions of the bible, the interest with which they are received, the number of lives of Christ and other volumes based upon the bible, and the number of copies of them that are circulated, go to show that the bible is read and studied today more than ever before. Further, all this study and research is entirely voluntary, no one being compelled by any superstition, creed, or puritanical impulse to read the scriptures against their full will.

Ho! for Pinafore.

"Pinafore" which has been in practice some time by Mrs. H. N. Carpenter and pupils, assisted by some of the best musical talent in town, will be presented to the public Thursday evening, April 17, in Edwards Opera house, with the following cast of characters: Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B., J. A. King; Capt. Corcoran, Augustus Cook; Ralph Rackstraw, J. F. B. Litchfield, Dick Deadeye, Ernest Winter, Bill Bobstay, H. N. Carpenter; Bob Becket, I. Tourtellotte; Tom Tucker, Master Edgar Butterworth; Josephine, Minnie Searles; Hebe, Mary Butler; Little Buttercup, Florence I. King. Scenic effects for the play will be secured from Boston and a full orchestra will be in attendance. Mrs. Carpenter has obtained the services of W. F. Penniman of Woodstock, formerly of the Boston Ideals, to put the play on the stage, Mrs. Carpenter acting as musical director. The presentation will be one of the most popular and entertaining exhibitions of the season.

Roller Skating.

Prof. F. W. Purdy, of Boston, gave two exhibitions at the rink yesterday, afternoon and evening, to good seized and enthusiastic audiences. This is Prof. Purdy's second engagement here this season, and all are loud in his praise as a fancy and trick skater; also in his act of impersonating Joshua Rhubarb on rollers.

The managers announce the re-engagement of Will Ed. Livesey, the champion English trick and fancy roller skater of the world, who was to have appeared at the rink March 26th, but on account of sickness was obliged to cancel his engagement. The rink will not be opened again until Saturday the 12th.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

There will be the usual boys' meeting at the rooms next Sunday at 4 o'clock. Topic: "Why must." Acts iv: 12; John iii: 3–12.

Young men's meeting Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Topic: "How am I treating the Lord's messengers?" Mark xii: 1–9. A cordial invitation is extended to all men to be present.

The half-hour noon-day prayer meetings held at the rooms this week have had a good attendance, and have been very interesting and profitable.

The Y. M. C. A. star course opens next Thursday evening with a good concert by the following distinguished artists: Mons. Alfred De Seve, violinist; Walter Emerson, cornetist; Wulf Fries, violincelloist; Mme. Etta Kileski, soprano; Frank J. Smith, accompanist. This is the program:

'Cello solo, Tarantella, *Popper*
Wulf Fries.
Violin solo, Introduction, Theme and Variations, *Haydn*
Mons. Alfred De Seve.
Aria, Taua la hotle. Trovatore. *Verdi*
Mme. Kileski.
Cornet solo, Lost Chord. *Sullivan*
Walter Emerson.
'Cello solo, Rondo Militaire. *Servais*
Wulf Fries.
Serenade, Cornet obligato. *Shubert*
Mme. Kileski.
Violin solo, Grand Fantasia, "Der Freyschutz." *Weber*
Mons. Alfred De Seve.
'Cello solo, Romance and Gavotte. *Popper*
Mr. Fries.
Cornet solo, Carnival. *Paganini*
Mr. Emerson.
Ave Maria, Violin obligato. *Gounod*
Mme. Kileski.

Tickets to this entertainment will be on sale at Paige & Co's store Monday, the 16th. Out-of-town people can secure tickets by telephone.

The book-keeping class, under the instruction of W. S. Kilton, will have its first session next Friday evening at 8 o'clock. It is very desirable that every one intending to take this course in book-keeping shall be present at the first meeting.

The singing class will have its first meeting next Tuesday evening (at 7:45 o'clock sharp) under the direction of Mrs. H. N. Carpenter. This class is open to gentlemen and ladies. The first part of the course will be devoted to elementary study and the last to glee and chorus singing.

Tickets for either class may now be had of the secretary. Non-members of the association can join either by the payment of $1.00 tuition.

Grand Army Camp-Fire.

Malcolm Ammidown post, No. 168, G. A. R., had a camp-fire last Friday evening. The post turned out with full ranks, and with quite a number of invited guests sat down to a bean supper, with all the extras, in the banquet hall a little before 9 o'clock.

At the close of this engagement, at which none were seriously wounded, Comrade W. P. Plimpton was called by Commander G. W. Corey to explain an engagement he had recently with a "Johnny," which he did satisfactorily.

Comrade A. H. Wheeler was next called, who stated that he did not come as a guest, but brought a substitute; however, he said he thought the returned soldiers had been well represented in all departments of the government, from the President down to the lowest official, and considered them an honor to the country.

The commander then told part of a story about a certain cavalryman trying to steal a coffee pot while in the army, and called on Comrade C. M. Cook to finish it, but he modestly declined.

Comrade Calvin Claflin, another cavalryman, was the next, who seemed to carry the idea that the infantry were glad to see the cavalry coming to help them out sometimes, and *vice versa*, and gave some reminiscences of several battles.

Comrade Wheeler's substitute, Chas. Haggerty, was on hand when called on with one of his best efforts, though he said he believed that what few ideas he had when he came in had been knocked out of him by the heavy bean battery. Though but seven years old at the commencement of the rebellion, he could remember some of the scenes of those times.

S. F. Tower stated that though but a small boy at the time of the rebellion he felt very proud in telling the other boys about his father, saying that his father was "in the army and he had the scurvy too." He said he loved to meet the veterans now.

The commander then called on one who tried his best to get into the army —B. A. Leonard—who appeared in one of his happiest moods, bringing down the house.

W. B. Wooster said that though but two or three years old at the time of the great struggle he had five uncles in the army, and was very proud of it.

C. L. Newhall was called as a representative of the navy, who said he was the first to leave Southbridge for the war, and that the army appeared very glad to get the gunboats to co-operate with them sometimes.

The speaking was interspersed with some of the old war songs by a trio—C. W. Hill, C. S. Edmonds and S. F. Tower—the audience joining in the chorus.

At a late hour they broke camp and returned to their homes well pleased.

Temple of Honor.

There are many persons in town who do not know what the Temple of Honor is, although it has been in existence in our midst since 1873, and the order is frequently confused with the Good Templars. We therefore give below the distinctive features of the order as published in official documents. The state head this year is A. H. Lewis, the successful editor of the East Boston *Advocate*; the national head is E. H. Clapp, a well-known rubber manufacturer of this state, whose factories at Hanover were burned last week. The article referred to is as follows:

The order of Templars of Honor and temperanee was instituted in 1845. A requisite of membership is that applicants shall be of good moral character, and of fair repute in community. They must acknowledge their accountability to God, and are pledged to total abstinence from all that can intoxicate through life, and to oppose, by all honorable means, the manufacture and sale of intoxicants.

Templars of Honor are also pledged to fraternity; to do their brethren no injury in fortune or fame, in the honor of their wives or the character of their families. It is their bounded duty to aid and protect their brethren, relieving their wants, sharing their danger, getting them a good name and clearing it of slander. With such love as Damon's for Pythias, and David's for Jonathan, must every Templar regard his brother.

No man's religious or political opinions are ever constrained; but he alone is recognized as a true brother whose heart entertains love to his God, his country and his fellow man. Toward such each Templar is pledged to fidelity. No brother must ever be defrauded or injured, spoken evil or falsely of; he must be apprised of danger; relieved, if in distress; assisted to business, if unimployed; watched with and cared for when sick; followed to the tomb when he dies; and his widow and children must be aided when in trouble or in need.

Every member of the Order who can pass a medical examination may become a participant in an endowment fund, on payment of a slight fee for admission, and a similar amount as advance assessment, which entitles him to life insurance for $1,000 (or one dollar for each member in the fund, if less than one thousand,) which will be paid at the decease of the member to any one whom he may have designated.

No candidate should be admitted to the Order who is not possessed of sufficient moral principle to assure fidelity to the obligations imposed.

The Temple of Honor is founded on the rock of temperance; truth, love purity and fidelity are its corner stones; and no brother is faithful to his obligations, no matter if he rigidly abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors if, he is untruthful, unfraternal or impure.

Academy.

The trustees of Nichols academy look forward to even better results than ever before now that they have so efficient a corps of teachers. The principal, Mr. Dawson, is considered one of the best, and they have procured the services of Prof. J. C. Lowensky, a graduate from Berlin university, as assistant. Mr. Lowensky is an experienced teacher in French, German and Greek, and comes highly recommended. Ossian Crawford of Wales will take charge of the boarding house.

Miss Hattie Davidson of Pawtucket took a gold medal for the best examination in arithmetic at the closing of the academy. It was given by the principal, Mr. Dawson.

Nichols Academy had a written examination at the close of the winter term, and for those who had any desire to know just what the pupils could do it was the best way it could be arranged. As a witness at seasons of this kind here for half a century, it is but truth to say, taking all the pupils together, their papers show an unequalled record of progress; some of the papers would do justice to a professor

Our Manufacturing Interests.

The Hamilton Woolen company formerly the Salisbury mills, which were recently organized and are now being changed from woolen to cotton, for the manufacture of print cloths, have just placed their order with Otis Petee & Co., Newton Upper Falls, Mass., for 208 Foss & Pevey under-flat cards. This is the largest single order which has ever been given for these cards.

The Boston *Journal of Commerce* says of the Litchfield Shuttle company which is now doing a good business:

This house long ago commenced to make the best shuttle that material, well mixed with brains, would produce. They employ no drummers or runners, but rely entirely upon the merits of their work. Their production is now large and goes into every manufacturing locality in the United States as well as out of it. They have always been jealous of their reputation as shuttle makers, and hold as a maxim that in order to keep their customers, the quality of their work must be fully maintained, and believe that the manufacturers of the country are capable of judging for themselves as to the relative values of goods produced under this and different systems.

The Southbridge Print Works are running overtime.

In addition to the Hamilton Woolen company's tax reported last week paid in Salisbury, they pay $2,119.89 in Amesbury.

The selectmen have appointed J. F. B. Litchfield as tax collector for the year 1883-4 in place of S. S. Perry resigned. Aug 7th 1883

The day school, presided over by Miss Mary Edwards, closed the summer term on Friday last. The exercises were very instructive and entertaining, the scholars showing marked proficiency in their several studies, which has been accomplished only by hard study on the part of the pupils, and energy and zeal by the instructor, who may well feel proud of the success achieved. Miss Edwards has been untiring in her arduous duties, and the needed rest will no doubt be welcomed. The following is the order of exercises as rendered: Chart class; recitation by Albion Rounds; second arithmetic; recitation "The Months," by twelve little girls; second reader; general questions; drawing exercise; first arithmetic; reading, "The Water Mill," by Maggie E. Dougherty; reading, "Somebody's Mother," by Sadie G. Frost; reading by first class; reading, "New Year's Eve," by Mary McKinnon; recitation, "The Human Body," by school; geography; recitation, "Little Folks' Wishes," by Allie Sanders, Delia Martin, Edith Brusett, Roy Sanders, and Frank Brusett; recitation, "Never Out of Sight," by Samuel Walsh; reading, by Delia Martin; recitation, "Stop! Stop! Pretty Water!" by Grace Dougherty; recitation, "Rose-Buds" by Nellie Toppin. 6-86.

Floral Sunday has past, leaving recollections of the most joyous character. The little house of worship never looked prettier, thanks to the many willing workers who gave their time and attention to make the occasion an enjoyable one; and they succeeded in a manner far surpassing their expectations. Unfortunately we are not endowed with the gift of eloquence, so much needed for this article, but will give the particulars as brief and concise as possible. When we entered the room the scene presented was indeed a beautiful one. Look which way you would, fragrant flowers met your view, some arranged in boquets, others in pots and vases. There were daises, yellow and pink roses, peonies, laurel, hydrangia, Lady Washington geranium, bogonias (coral and spotted leaf,) the Bridal daisy, cactus, ferns, pansies, Spider lillies and others too numerous to mention. One handsome floral offering, made and presented by Christopher Abbott, was a bed of pansies in the center of which was a cross of pinks. The committee on decorations had left no part of their work undone, for they brought sweet singing canaries, hung in pretty cages to assist them, thus producing a double concert. We have said the church never looked prettier, and one of the reasons was, the addition of two beautiful silken banners painted by John Warren. The inscription on one being, "Feed My Lambs," and on the other "God Bless Our Sunday School." Owing to the unpleasant state of the weather, the Revs. Easterbrook and Pomfret did not arrive until past the hour of starting, but at the close of the exercises the audience felt well paid for the time spent in waiting. The children one and all did splendid, both in singing and reciting, and as each little one ended his or her piece, a smile of satisfaction overspread the countenance, not only of the participant, but bearers alike. One of the prettiest selections was a floral acrostic, "Good Bye," by seven little girls, and the manner in which it was rendered, coupled with the touching words, brought tears to the eyes of many. The addresses by the clergymen were brief and pointed, and the lessons so vividly portyayed, especially when using the flowers for illustrations, if faithfully followed, must surely bring that peace and happiness—life eternal—as a reward. The following was the order of exercises:

Opening Hymn, "Welcome Greeting," by choir.
Responsive Reading.
Prayer, Rev. J. Pomfret. June 1886.
Childrens' Day Ethics.
Recitation, "The First Children's Day," Sadie Frost
Recitations by Carrie Frost's class.
Solo, "The Land of Flowers," D. S. Dougherty.
Responsive Reading.
Recitation, "The Message of the Birds," by Mamie McKinnon.
Recitation, "The Land of Flowers," by Allie Sanders.
Recitation, "God is Love," Myra Lawson's class.
Singing, "Children do you Love Each Other," Carrie Frost's class.
Recitation, "God Loves Us," by Maggie Dougherty.
Recitation, "Jesus, The Angels' Sweetest Theme," by Roy Sanders.
Responsive Reading.
Reading, "Coming," by Mamie Brown.
Recitation, "Children's Day," by James Olney Sanders.
Recitation, "Children Praising the Lord," by Samuel Walsh.
Singing, "The Morn of Life," by Chorus of Children.
Recitation, "Daisies and Buttercups," by Mamie Sanders.
Separate Responsive Reading.
Recitation, "What I Think" by Robbie Sanders.
Reading, "The Changed Cross," by Jennie Abbott.
Remarks by Pastor.
Collection.
Anthem, "Praise the Lord," by choir,
Floral Acoustic, "Good Bye," by seven little Girls.

June 1886.

Among the Churches.

Children's day was observed at the Universalist church last Sunday. The floral decorations were tasteful and exercises fitted to the occasion. The custom of observing "Rose Sunday" as it was formerly called has been followed in Universalist churches for a long time and been more recently adopted by all denominations. June 86

The Universalist sunday school gave a very acceptable concert last Sunday evening under the direction of the new superintendent G. Clarence Winter. The audience was large as it was the only concert given that evening. The following members of the school took part in the exercises: Recitations, Bertha E. Clark, Gertrude Litchfield, Mattie Plimpton, May Barrett, Edna Litchfield, Frank Chipman, Charlie Morse, Emma Dresser, Sydney Vinton, Grace Vinton, Irving Clarke, Etta Morse, Blanche E. Winter, Florence Newhall, Josie Edmonds, Jennie Gardner. A reading was given by Miss Mary Ellis and vocal selections by Misses Cora Marble, Emma F. Dresser and Florence I. King. June 86.

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Mr. L. P. Tower is spending a few days in town.

Mrs. H. C. Wells is confined to the house by illness.

Linn B. Porter of Cambridge, was in town this week.

Rev. J. M. Kremmen is confined to the house by illness.

Fred Hill has been taking a vacation in the vicinity of Boston.

Herbert Litchfield has been very ill for several weeks with fever.

W. E. Alden, jr., also joins the G. A. R. excursion to San Francisco.

Miss Maria Weaver has recently visited her friends in this vicinity.

We were glad to see Gayton Ballard in town last week and appearing in good health.

Rev. Joseph Danelson will take a month's vacation in August at Old Orchard beach.

Samuel Rice of Waltham is visiting in town among his early friends and old school mates.

Pliny Clarke has been at Hampton Beach and returns with renewed health and glowing reports of fishing trips.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Guy and Charles Hyde will attend the N. E. Chautauqua Association at Sonth Framingham.

Mr. and Mrs. John Airlie have returned after a very enjoyable trip of about ten weeks duration to the British Isles.

The *Woonsocket Reporter* published a long description of a model business block to be built by Henry A. Whitney in that city.

Liba Litchfield has recently suffered from partial paralysis of one hand from which it is hoped he will soon entirely recover.

John McKinstry Merriam son of Adolphus Merriam, formerly of this town, graduated at Harvard at the last commencement. He was class orator on class day and was one of the six selected to deliver commencement parts, his subject being "The political character of John Quincy Adams. *The Boston Record* has the following in its report of commencement exercises; June 1886.

Mr. Merriam has, in his college course, shown a more matured mind than the average student. He has been an earnest worker, and has shown a great deal of ability in speaking in the Harvard Union Debating Society. He has been president of the Union, and has been president of the Crimson board. He is a member of the Signet, one of the two senior literary societies. His class oration was well delivered and was an able address.

Rev. B. V. Stevenson's Farewell.

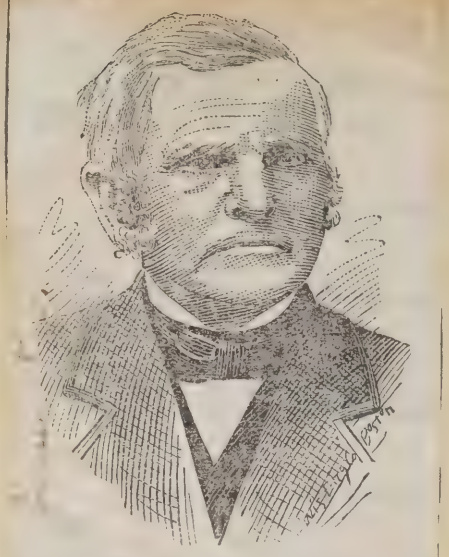
Rev. B. V. Stevenson preached his farewell sermon last Sabbath at the Universalist church. He announced the following text: "Let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ; that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel."—Phil. 1; 27th.

After elaborating the general truth that the teachings of Christ are for present living and that living is not talking but acting, he went on with the local application of the text. After alluding to the changes that had taken place in the society during his pastorate and the occasions of both sorrow and gladness, to which he had been called, he thanked the church and society for their many kind attentions and expressions of continued interest. He exhorted his hearers to stand fast by the beauties of the Universalist faith, and labor for pure and undefiled religions, remembering that the people as well as the pastor makes the society, and that they must look to themselves for their prosperity. Church service, ought to be attended from proper motives and not a love of show or being entertained; if the latter are the reasons, when the novelty of the new pastor wears off the interest will diminish. The people were entreated to appreciate their religion and show so much zeal for it as to impress others with its reality and draw them. If a stranger applies for a seat and finds that nearly all are taken, and that it is somewhat difficult to obtain one he, is attracted; but if he finds hundreds of empty seats and a general coldness, he will go somewhere else, where he can keep his religion warm.

Mr. Stevenson warmly expressed the continued interest he should always feel in the society wherever he should be; he thought the members had no cause for discouragement, as there were more familes connected with the society than ever before. Alluding to the prospect of his continuing in town he said that the residence of an ex-minister in a place is not always desirable, yet it is not necessarily a hindrance; he loved peace and would have it, and if allowed would still work earnestly for the society.

The sermon was well received by the large audience which had gathered to hear it.

The Late William Edwards.



The funeral of Wm. Edwards occurred at his late residence on Main street Saturday afternoon, and was attended by a very large number of people, including many friends from out of town. Those attending represented all the different nationalities and religious beliefs in town, and all were united in the sentiment that they had lost a friend and a co-worker for the public good. The floral tributes were very elaborate and choice. Noticeable among these were the gifts from the bank, selectmen and from the business men. Many were also sent from friends in other places. Appropriate vocal selections were rendered by the quartet, Miss Carrie Stone, Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, Earnest Winter and J. C. F. Wheelock. Prayer was offered by Rev. F. Magwire, followed by remarks by a former pastor of the Universalist church, Rev. B. V. Stevenson, which were in substance as follows:

"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." These are words for sorrowful hearts, they come to assure us of a future life and a blissful reunion. The dear one who has gone away we shall never see again in the flesh. He has gone from our sight and hearing. We shall look for him but shall not see him. We shall listen for him but we shall never again hear his voice, but we are consoled by the grand truth of the resurrection, but what does the resurrection mean? "To many it means the raising of the body." It does not mean this to me. It means the lifting up of the life; the soul reaching better opportunities and a freedom from pain and disease. Our friend has gone—but how much he has been to this place. With the improvements of our beautiful village, must we not associate him? How could its progress have been possible without such energy and enterprise as he showed? How many houses he built here standing as monuments to his name. He was one of the chief workers in getting the railroad here and opening the telegraph line. Wm. Edwards was a good friend of the poor. To him many a man owes much for his sympathy and substantial assistance. He was a faithful brother, he and his brother working together, helping one another and keeping strong and fresh the bond of union between them. He was an affectionate father—loving his children and caring for them with great tenderness. Sometimes I have thought he was too indulgent toward them. He was a good friend, quick at times and quite sensitive, yet with a loving heart and deep, strong affections that greeted his friends with a warm welcome and dispensed a generous hospitality at all times. Mr. Stevenson tenderly addressed personally the widow, the children, the brothers and sisters and other relatives and friends, and concluded by saying that Mr. Edwards, like all human beings, was not perfect. Whatever wrong we saw in him that we should shun, whatever good we should imitate.

The pall bearers were R. H. Cole, John Tatterson, J. M. Clemence, Theodore Harrington, George A. Dresser and P. H. Carpenter.

During the services places of business on Main street were closed.

E. H. Sykes, whose death is announced in another column, was born in Suffield, Ct., Nov. 15, 1831. He came to Southbridge in 1848 and entered the employ of the Litchfield Shuttle Co., and continued in their employ with but little interruption till the Summer of 1861 when, owing to the general depression of manufacturing occasioned by the commencement of the Civil War, he songht temporary employment upon gun work in Worcester, and in the Fall or Winter of the same year he removed permanently to Worcester, and soon after engaged himself to Mr. A. M. Howe, die manufacturer, No. 81 Mechanics St., whom he served until his final sickness which occurred about the middle of June, He leaves a widow and two sons to mourn his loss, tenderly remembering him as a devoted husband and indulgent father.

Modest and retiring in his demeanor, upright and conscientious in his character: and in his intercourse with his employers, companions and friends, faithful, genial and true.

Although so reserved in deportment, yet, the friendships he formed were enduring and the many friends he has made will remember his amiable and generous traits of character. July 1886.

Ex-Governor Howard of Rhode Island and wife and Miss Eliza Harris, Mrs. Howard's sister are making a little tour of parts of Connecticut and this state visiting relatives. On Wednesday of last week they were in town and visited Mr. Barnes' family. They also met at Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Mary R. Wheelock of Brookfield who is also a relative. ExGovernor Howard is an extensive cotton manufacturer and also largely interested in other enterprises, being president of the R. I. Telephone Co. He knows how to make the most of such a trip as he is taking, and so holds the reins over his own span as he goes. 7-1886

Written for the SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL.

Obituary. Jan 22...

Francis W. Bacon, a celebrated mechanical engineer and expert, a notice of whose death was published in the JOURNAL last week, was a native of Southbridge, and kept up a keen interest in the welfare of his birthplace throughout his life. He worked on his father's farm with very meagre intervals at school until he reached the age of 17, when he walked to Worcester, where he served an apprenticeship in Dea. Washburn's machine shop. On becoming a journeyman he went to Boston, where he worked some time, joining the volunteer fire department, and as a member of that organization participating in the famous "Broad-street riot," which occurred some forty years ago, and which some of our older readers will doubtless remember. Owing to a lung trouble, brought on by exposure when a fireman, he was forced to seek a more genial clime and went to Cuba, where he was chief engineer on a sugar estate for three years; at the end of which time he returned to the United States, where he entered into the employ of the Boston Manufacturing company at Waltham, and became foreman of the Waltham fire engine company. Removing to West Newton he was appointed chief engineer of the Newton fire department, and during his service in that capacity had an encounter which is worthy of mention with an ugly bull which had just tossed a baby carriage and its tiny occupant high in air. Fearing for the safety of the lady who had been wheeling the infant Mr. Bacon seized a heavy stone in each hand and confronted the maddened animal. With a shake of its head and a hoarse bellow the bull charged on its adversary only to be met with a stone fairly between the eyes thrown with the full strength of Mr. Bacon's muscular arm. This staggered the brute for a moment, giving a chance to hurl the other stone with equal force and similar result, and then Mr. Bacon sprang behind the animal and grasped it by the tail with one hand while he felt in his pocket for his knife with the other, intending to disable the creature by hamstringing it. But the knife was missing and Mr. B. was forced to relinquish the search and hold on to the animal with both hands with all his strength as the furious brute whirled savagely about, seeking to reach him and impale him on his sharp horns. During the progress of the fight the combatants had gradually worked their way along the street until they stood immediately in front of the fire-engine house, in the second story of which were a number of people anxiously watching the issue of the struggle from that safe position. "Throw me the noosed end of a rope," gasped Mr. Bacon, for he was well nigh exhausted by the violence of his movements. The rope was thrown, but fell short of its mark and lay on the ground with the noose spread apart. Unclasping his cramped fingers from the animal's tail Mr. Bacon snatched up the rope, and as the vicious brute made a wild dash at him threw the noose over the lowered horns and springing to one side with a cry of "Haul in hard," fell prone to the ground.

Mr. Bacon's chief celebrity perhaps was in connection with the steam-engine indicator which he did more to introduce and advance to the position it now occupies in the mechanical world than any other one man.

When he first begun its use, some twenty years ago, it was looked upon in this country at least, as a mere scientific toy of no practical value and only of interest to theorists and "book-engineers." Today the indicator is a power in the mechanical world and its dictum is accepted not only in the engine-room but in the highest courts of the land. Mr. Bacon not only urged the claims of the instrument by voice and example but wrote a hand-book on the subject which has passed through eight editions and is today a standard authority on that of which it treats.

During the later years of his professional life he was chiefly employed as expert in many important mechanical cases in various courts in this country and Canada.

In over 50 years of active life as mechanical engineer, consulting engineer and expert his integrity was never questioned and if an honest man be "the noblest work of God" then was Francis Bacon not wanting in untitled nobility.

He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the New England Historic Genealogical society and a life member of the American Institute of New York. * * *

The dyeing department of the Hamilton Woolen Co's. print works stopped Monday and Tuesday for the annual taking account of stock.

Lucien Marcy died suddenly at his residence last Friday morning of heart disease. A post mortem examination showed a badly diseased system; but the general public who daily met Mr. M. about town supposed him to be a healthy person. He was one of the very last with whom the thought of death was associated, yet he was suddenly stricken down—a lesson to all of the uncertainty of life. He was fifty-eight years of age, the son of Jedediah Marcy—who is still living, and nephew of the late Gov. Wm. L. Marcy of New York. He leaves a widow and adopted daughter. The Marcy family has always been prominent in town, from the time of Moses Marcy who was one of the pioneer settlers here, and Lucien was no exception. He was a person of honesty and good judgment who was often called to fill offices of trust, and whose opinion was always respected. He has been selectman, and has repeatedly held the office of assessor; and in 1853 he represented the town in the legislature. He was educated a democrat, but of late years has acted with the republicans. His most prominent characteristic was independence and strength of thought. He accepted very few things on the dictum of others, but formed his own opinion after careful reflection; and when they were formed it was very difficult to change them. It was this unswerving positiveness, combined with clear faculties and a keen sense of honor that made him valued as a citizen and friend; and makes his loss felt in the community. The funeral services at the Methodist church last Sabbath were largely attended, and Rev. J. C. Smith preached a very appropriate discourse.

Obituary.

Rev. Sewall Sylvester Cutting D. D., pastor of the Baptist church in this town from 1837 to 1845 and more recently secretary of the American Baptist Educational commission, died Tuesday afternoon at the residence of his son, Brooklyn. He was born 1813 at Windsor, Vt., was graduated at the University of Vermont in 1835, and was ordained pastor of the Baptist church at West Boylston, Mass., in 1836. He was editor of the New York *Recorder* from 1845 to 1850, and again from 1853 to 1855, editor of the *Christian Review* from 1850 to 1853, professor of Rhetoric and History in the university of Rochester from 1855 to 1868, and secretary of the American Baptist Educational commission since 1868. He is the author of "Historical Vindications of the Baptists."

TIGER ENGINE.

Reminiscences of an old Boston Fireman.

To the Editor of the Southbridge Journal:—

In a recent issue you spoke of the worthy old fireman, Mr. Babb, in connection with old "Silver Hinges" and old "Melvill," of both of which your town is now the fortunate owner. The writer of this has the honor of being a son of old "Honest town," and having had something to do with the construction and subsequently the working of Silver Hinges, offers a few facts and reminiscences of her and which may be of some interest to your firemen.

It was in the summer of 1836 in the days of the old volunteer fire department that the Boston city government made an appropriation for a suction engine for engine Co., No. 18, to take the place of a non suction machine called the Philadelphia. The company was allowed the privilege of nominating the maker, also to give its ideas as to size and details. The writer and another machinist of experience as firemen were chosen by the company to attend to the duty; after due deliberation they reported to the company to have a Hunneman engine if Mr. Hunneman would make it according to plans and specifications by them submitted. With some slight modifications the report was adopted and the committee instructed to see the work done. The committee reported to the stern old chief, Capt. Barnicoat, who made some objection to the maker nominated on account of his not doing his work faithfully and well. In answer to this the committee pledged themselves that they, being practical men, would personally see that the specifications were carried out to the letter. There was one thing specified which the chief peremptorily vetoed, which was springs between the engine body and carriage—it was too great an innovation, would add to the cost, wouldn't pay, etc. The order was given without springs, but the seed was sown, and after due time I think springs were added.

On presenting the specifications to Mr. Hunneman he objected; to make any change in his patterns or designs was not to be thought of for a moment. If the city wanted a fire engine as he made it they could have it, &c., &c., while Capt. Barnicoat would be but too glad to have another and rival builder make the engine. Mr. Hunneman was an old man, of the old school of mechanics, worked principly by the rule of thumb, was not a machinist but a brass founder and coppersmith. The principal and almost only machinist's tool was an old rude foot lathe; hence to do good work required time, skill and patience. At this time he had two sons in business with him who were very desirous to make the engine and were ambitious and had a fair degree of talent and finally induced the elder partner to take the contract. Among the changes made, the water ways for ingress from the suction were enlarged. Pistons were formerly packed with leather cups so that when pressure was put on the water pressed the leather out against the walls of the cylinder making a perfectly tight joint, but with an enormous friction. The substitute for them in Silver Hinges was hemp packing held in place and adjusted by screwed collars so that the joint was equally tight without an increment of friction by pressure. All the joints of the connecting rods were steel nicely fitted instead of rough iron as formerly used. It was specified that the forward wheels should be so attached to the crane neck that the engine could be worked with the axle at right angles to the hinder axle, thereby rendering blocking the wheels unnecessary when at work. These and other improvements were faithfully executed. The result was that an engine was produced that was superior to any the city ever had. As an illustration of the thoroughness of the stock and workmanship it may be stated that after seventeen years' duty it was sold for $650, while one made by the same parties ten years after, the Melvill, was sold for $600.

The city paid for Silver Hinges, with hose carriage, signal lantern, pipes, &c., $850. The company silver-plated the trimmings, pipes, trumpets, craneneck, and all minor iron work, at a cost of $500. The engine was first shown to the public in Feb., 1837, hence she is forty-two years old, and is good for a half-century yet if cared for properly.

In July, 1837, the old volunteer department broke up and a paid department was instituted; locations and numbers of engines were changed;—Tiger company No. 7 had a heavy, cumbersome side-brake engine which was unsatisfactory. Company No. 18 (Silver Hinges) was disbanded and their engine given to the Tigers, and name and number changed from Lafayette 18 to Tiger 7. The volunteer department had been allowed 50 men to a company; this number was reduced to 30 men in the new department, reducing the force 75 percent. The cylinders were reduced from 6 inches diameter to 5 1-2—69 percent.

April 7, 1837 the spire of Hollis street church was struck by lightning and set on fire at the very apex of the steeple, 207 feet from the ground. The upper 70 feet was a smooth taper covered with copper, without a moulding or other protuberance to afford a hand or foot hold. No stream could reach it from the ground or any point where a foothold could be had. There was a smart gale of wind blowing, and being 4 o'clock p. m., it looked disastrous for the vicinity, there being many large wooden buildings contiguous. There was an old fireman present who was formerly foreman of a hook and ladder company, though then not a member of the department—a painter by trade, consequently at home on a ladder. He volunteered to put a ladder on the spire; he went up inside, passed a rope out of a hole about half way up the spire, by which a forty-foot ladder was hauled up. It was then securely lashed to the steeple on the windward side. In the meantime hose was sent up. The old side-brake Tiger engine couldn't reach the fire; Nos. 17 and 20, though the brakes were lateral, also failed to reach it. Finally No. 18 (Silver Hinges) was tried; it reached the fire and at 9 p. m. extinguished the last spark. But about seven feet of the spire was burnt. It was a tedious job; the pressure was so great that the hose was constantly bursting and had to be replaced. The engine went through her task without exhibiting fatigue and came out all right, gaining new honors which she ever afterwards maintained. The position of the men on the ladders was no sinecure—a cold gale of wind—clothing saturated from hair to toe-nails—the lightning and thunder and the cold—no chance for exercise. But the scene! before, beneath, all around, exhibited from that dizzy height! What with the artillery of the heavens—the rumbling and clanging of the engines—the shouts and cheers of the firemen and citizens—the immense sea of upturned human faces! it seemed indeed that the streets, house tops, doors, windows, and every other point where a view could be had was paved with human faces!

Of old Silver Hinges' hose men who were on that steeple, but two now live to tell the story. The old ladder man has gone to his reward.

F. W. BACON.

Boston, Oct. 18, 1879.

Fire was built under the twenty-five horse power tubular boiler in the new Bank building for the first time last Friday morning. Dec 24 1856

—Notwithstanding the threatening weather of last Saturday, quite a large number of people assembled on the street to witness the parade of the G. A. R., Post 168. The line formed on Elm street led by the Mechanics band followed by Steamer No. 1, Hook and Ladder No. 1, and G. A. R. As they turned up Main street the carriages containing speakers, selectmen, singers and members of the press, followed by citizens in carriages lined up Main to South, South to High street, thence to Hamilton where the Steamer and Hook and Ladder No. 2 fell in line, the body marching down Hamilton, Main and thence to the Catholic cemetery where on account of a shower a short address was given by Rev. Father Kremmen, speaking of the national memorial day where the people gathered together regardless of sect or creed to adorn the graves of those who fought and died for their country, after which he made a prayer. The procession then wanded its way back to Main street where lemonade flowed in abundance, and after a short halt proceeded to Oak Cemetary. The quartette sang "Cover them over with beautiful flowers," followed by prayer by the Rev. Joseph Danielson. The graves were then decorated, and the procession then returned up Main street to Edwards Opera House, where an address was given by Hon. T. C. Bates of North Brookfield. He gave the statistics of the amount of money expended in pensions since the close of the war. Of the amounts paid to soldiers in this state and of the amounts paid to pensioners in this town, which is over $3,300 per year. Everything passed off well excepting one thing which was overlooked by the committee of arrangements, which caused some extra driving after the procession had started, that was the selectmen had not received an invitation, and consequently were not present when the procession started. June 4. 1885.

Few persons who have passed four score years would take as much interest in children and schools as Mrs. Francis S. Morse, who recently rode a half mile and drove herself, in order to be present at the closing exercises of the Bacon school. She will be eighty-four the 25th of July next.

Miss Nella F. Brown's reading at the Baptist church last Thursday evening was attended by a large audience. The exercises were interspersed with music from the choir, which acquitted itself well. The reading was good and satisfactory to the audience. The first selections, though well done, were not of a nature to show the best powers of the reader, and we thought she lacked compass of voice till "The Charcoal Man" dispelled that illusion. One of Holmes' recent poems, "How the old Horse won the Bet" was one of the most popular selections of the evening. "The Royal Princess" was a piece which Miss Potter has read in town and gave an opportunity to compare the two, in which Miss Brown does not suffer. She introduces some of the actor's arts with good effect in supplementing her elocutionary powers. The principal fault we noticed was an occasional indistinctness of utterance, which, at times, made it hard for us to catch the whole of sentences with which we were not familiar. The society should be congratulated on the success of the entertainment, which was far superior to many of the ways adopted by societies for money making. Levees are not to be indiscriminately condemned. Of the social part the community needs more than it gets. But making money by returning an equivalent is more commendable than much of the guess-cake, prize-package, grab-bag kind of business. Feb. 15. 1877.

Mr. Ainsworth and his piano pupils, Miss Louie Ellis, Miss Kate Hartwell, Miss Cora Carpenter and Fred Oakes, treated a few friends to an enjoyable parlor matinee at the home of Miss Ellis, Tuesday afternoon. The scholars all gave evidence of commendable proficiency on the piano and thorough drill, doing credit to themselves and their instructor. Their selections were varied by two nicely rendered vocal solos by Miss Stone and a piano solo by Mr. Ainsworth, which was warmly encored. The following was the program:

Sonata, four hands.....*Mozart.*
Misses Carpenter and Ellis.
Piano solo—Along the Shore.....*Wilson.*
Miss Hartwell.
Song—Of thee I fondly Dream.....*Salaman.*
Miss Stone.
Piano solo—Seranade D'Amour.....*Oesten.*
F. Oakes.
Piano duo—Polonairs.....*Beethoven.*
Miss Hartwell and Mr. Ainsworth.
Piano solo—Don Pasquale.....*Duverney.*
Miss Ellis.
Song—Serenade.....*Kulling.*
Miss Stone.
Piano solos—{Songs without Words / Fantaisie in a Minor} *Mendelssohn.*
Miss Carpenter.
Piano duo—Overture—Stradella.....*Floutow.*
Messrs. Ainsworth and Oakes.
Piano solos—{Sonata..... / Romance with var.,} *Karlkoph.*
Mr. Ainsworth.

The following is a list of entertainments and notable events of the past year:

During this month the enlargement of the optical works was commenced.
April 18, Muldoon's picnic company.
April 19, Uncle Tom's cabin.
April 22, Adjourned town meeting.
April 25, Mrs. Partington's comedy company.
May 8, Bohemian glass blowers.
May 15, Warren sisters' dramatic company.
May 30, Memorial day.—C. L. Goodell orator.
June 3, The McGibeny family entertainment.
June 13, Boston Comedy Company.
June 15, Two persons killed at Webster on the Southbridge branch.
June 16, Commencement exercises and reunion at Nichols academy.
June 18, Anniversary of Congregational Sabbath school.
June 19, Sudden death of Frank Edwards.
June 30, Thompson's "Around the world."
July 21, Death of Solomon Thayer.
Aug. 2, The "Sam. Fiske house" burned.
Aug. 18, Excursion to Rocky Point.
Aug. 19, John Sayles' barn burned.
Aug. 21, Slight fire in Hamilton Woolen Co's cotton mill.
Aug. 23, Barn burned on Dresser hill.
Aug. 30, Town meeting.
Sept. 1, Sunday excursion to Boston.
Sept. 9, The Danites company.
Sept. 18, Cad, the Tom boy.
Sept. 19, Duprez and Benedicts ministrels.
Sept. 30, Railroad excursion to Boston.
Oct. 2, Slight fire in Claflin's barn.
Oct. 3, Hopkins Troubadours.
Oct. 6, Masonic installation and supper.
Oct. 7, Eileen Oge comedy company.
Oct. 9, East Lynne.
Oct. 10, Water let into public drinking fountain.
Oct. 21, Town meeting.
Oct. 26, Railroad excursion.
Nov. 1, The Galley slave.
Nov, 5, Mrs. McLaughlin lectured on temperance.
Nov. 2, Joseph Cutkey injured in the "Big Mill."
Nov. 6. Butler elected.
Nov. 16, Bachelor's ball.
Nov. 17, Rooms for rent.
Nov. 18, Hibernian fair.
Nov. 13, 14 and 15, W. S. Bailey lectured on temperance.
Nov. 22, Stanley Opera company.
Nov. 23, Slight fire at Hamilton Woolen company's print works.
Nov. 28, Town meeting.
Nov. 30, Vocal concert at Baptist church.
Dec. 11, Ideal Colored Concert company.
Dec. 13, Telephone line opened to Fiskdale.
Dec. 14. Farmers Institute.
Jan. 9, Hazel Kirke.
Jan. 12, Dr. Willits lectured on Sunshine.
Jan. 19, Bachelor's ball.
Feb. 2, Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, and pupils' concert.
Feb. 3, Odd Fellows' entertainment.
Feb. 9, Firemen's ball.
Feb. 15, Solomen Richardson shot by his son George in Charlton.
Feb. 20, 5th annual supper of the Cercle Canadien.
March 2, Gipsey fair by the Universalist ladies.
March 9, Batchelors' ball.
March 21, Baird's minstrels.
March 24, High school graduation.
In this month the new spec shop was started.
April 3, Annual town meeting.
April 5, Spaulding's bell ringers.
April 7, Orange festival at the Methodist vestry.
April 12, Rooms for rent, entertainment.

The funeral of Conductor Emmons Metcalf took place Wednesday at his late residence in Boston. Rev. Edward Everett Hale officiated, and the body was taken to Providence. The conductors of the Boston and Providence and the Eastern railroads were present force and contributed beautiful flowers, and a delegation of Knight Templars from Providence escorted the body to the tomb. Apr. 2. 1883.

H. S. Morse of Southbridge, who has been away for twenty-eight years in Iowa and Kansas, is now back in his native town on a visit. Aug. 1884.

NEW THINGS.

Building Enterprises. Improvements. Etc.

Aug. 1881

This season is proving to be a very good one for the builders, and there has been plenty of work for them. Our list of new buildings will not be as long as it has been for a few years past but on the other hand it will exceed in value the work of any year for some time. Almost all the new residences of this year's list are large two story affairs.

NEW HOUSES.

First on the list are the residences of Geo. L. Winter and F. H. Marble. The former on Marcy street and the latter on South street, on the Oakes hill. Both were begun last fall, and the work done in a large measure during the winter. They were occupied early in the season. Mrs. S. Goodier has a residence nearly finished on Marcy street south of Mr. Winter's. Both of these houses are on Marcystreet extension or what is known on the town books as south Marcy street. Although, why the word South is tacked on to the name no one can tell. Marcy street itself is less than 1200 feet long with less than a dozen houses on it; and even with its 800 foot extension hardly becomes so much of a street as to demand two names.

On Edwards street Dr. Bulfinch is finishing off a large showy house next to Samuel Williams'.

On Oakes avenue Mr. Oakes has the frame up for a large residence on the summit between the two ends of the village and overlooking the town.

On Chesnut—formerly Cisco—street Alpha M. Cheney is constructing a nice large house of modern style of architecture, He has also nearly finished a tasty barn in connection with it. The houses of M. Suprenant and Peter St. Martin on Central street which were noticed late last fall as under way have also been completed.

This list of ten fine residences with all the modern improvements and conveniences adds much to the good looks of the town. In spite of the great amount of building there has been done in town for the past few years tenements are yet scarce.

At the beginning of the season we had hoped to chronicle the erection of an elegant church, but that fell through for reasons explained at the time.

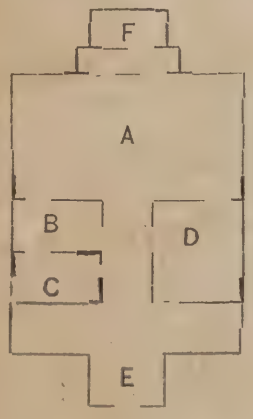
HALLS.

As much work has been put into the public halls this season as would build two or three small cottage houses.

Of the work on Edwards hall which the enterprise of the lessee Mr. Paige has expended, the JOURNAL has already spoken. These improvements consists of enlarged stage, new balcony, new decorations, and new scenery. Mr. Dresser's improvements on his hall are now in progress and will be noticed more at length when completed. They include an enlargment of the stage and auditorium, an enlargment and increase of number of conveniences of the anti-rooms, new scenery, and new dressing for the walls.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Here too, a large amount of money has been laid out. The entire basement arrangements were taken out, and the west side of the building dug away so as to admit of full length windows. The new floor was laid so as to provide for air circulation under it, and there is now an air space between the plastering and the brick walls. It is expected by this to do away with the disagreeable dampness which has hitherto prevailed there. In addition to this there has been an entirely new arrangement of the interior. The side door has been removed, the passage way from the front entrance changed and the whole of the room utilized. We give below a plan of the present arrangement of the rooms.



On entering the porch E the right and left entrances to the auditorium remain as before, but straight ahead is the passage way to the basement rooms. At the north end across the full width of the building is the main vestry, A. The room D at the right hand side of the passage is a small vestry which can be entered from either way. Across this hall B is a ladies' parlor, and connecting with this is the room C which will be fitted up with all the conveniences of a kitchen. In the rear of the large vestry is an entry leading out doors and also up stairs to the pulpit. There is also a passage way leading to the horse sheds, the first of which, F, will be used as a coal room. The arrangements are all very admirably adapted to the purposes for which they are to be used, and will give an abundance of light and air—the desiderata which led to the changes. Upstairs the auditorium is filled with a staging where the masons have been at work. The north end and both sides have been newly plastered on furring instead of on the walls as before; the whole interior will be newly frescoed. New carpets and furnaces will complete the renovations.

MINOR IMPROVEMENTS.

While these and other large changes and improvements have been going on, other smaller ones have been in progress which have added to the looks of the town and furnished work for mechanics. Henry A. Morse has rebuilt and enlarged the ell of his residence on Hamilton street. The Hamilton Woolen company have built two large two-story bay windows on the residence of Andrew Hall. The Messrs. Sanders have enlarged the residence of Joseph Sanders at their village. The school committee have repainted the Sandersdale school house and done several jobs of varnishing and other repairs inside of other of the school buildings. A number of our citizens here have connected their premises with the Southbridge Water Supply company.

The Central Mills company are at work on new outbuildings for their tenement houses on Foster street, which will give them summer kitchen, woodshed and other conveniences on a much more commodious and healthy basis than heretofore.

On Everett street a great improvement has been wrought by the new sidewalk and abolition of fences.

Under the head of manufacturing improvements and changes are the enlargements of the Optical company's works, the new extraction company and the new building of I. P. Hyde & Co. These will have to be the subject of another article.

E. L. Spencer, well known in this vicinity, died last week Thursday after a lingering illness of consumption. He fought the disease heroically and had the best of care; but his life could not be saved. He was a genial, popular man. The only public office he ever held was that of constable, in which he proved a most faithful and efficient officer.

Oct 15 1881

Southbridge Industries.

THEODORE HARRINGTON'S KNIFE SHOP.

There have been more improvements made in and about this establishment during the past season than on the average establishment. Early in the season a new Hercules water wheel was put in, which with the present head of water will, give thirty horse power. Mr. Harrington however, intends to raise his pond at no far distant day, and purchased the Walker farm, which would be flowed, with that in view. The dam is already high enough for a much larger pond, and all that will be necessary will be to raise the roll-way. As the season advanced and water became low, a new steam engine was purchased. It is a fifteen horse power engine of the high speed variety, which is coming into use so much now a days for electric lighting. The fly wheel makes 275 revolutions per minute. It was manufactured by B. W. Payne & Sons of Corning, New York. The boiler is of Philadelphia make, built entirely of number one flange iron.

The extension blades made by Mr. Harrington, are very popular with the trade and his processes for rolling them out instead of forging, are very successful. All work is stamped by machinery, "T. Harrington, Cutler to the People," and the goods take a high rank in market.

T. J. Harrington has removed his greenhouses from his residence to the vicinity of the shop, and piped them for steam heat. The shop has also been piped for steam heating.

Mr. Harrington has in his shop a number of machines and devices of his own invention, and is at work on others. Oct. 1883.

George W. Martin of Southbridge, Mass., with G. W. Packard and Moses C. Smith of Rockville, Maine, called at the *Herald* office on Tuesday. These gentlemen are in charge of a train load of steam pumps and mining machinery, a portion of which is destined for Battle Creek and the rest for Deadwood.—*Black Hills Herald, Jan.* 25, 1877.

The Southbridge Optical company filed the following certificate, May 12: Treasurer, Wm. C. Barnes; fixed capital paid in, $18,500. Assets—Machinery $9,919, cash and debts receivable $3,438, manufactures $9,798, patent rights $238, miscellaneous $3,473; total $26,867. Liabilities — Capital stock $18,500, debts $8,367, total $26,867. 1884

Aug 15 **The Snake Seen Again.** 1884

Newton E. Putney was the hero of the hour yesterday afternoon, he having seen the big snake. He was riding on his bicycle along the Charlton City road toward Southbridge and saw ahead of him projecting from the bushes on the west side of the road, just north of Harrington's grove, what appeared in the distance to be a stick of four foot cord wood dropped from a wagon. As he approached, the end of it toward the road slowly raised several inches and he saw before him the head and several feet of a snake, some six inches in diameter, which had started to cross the road. The snake then changed its mind and turned to go back into the woods, and Mr. Putney estimates that he saw some ten or twelve feet in length of the snake glide from and turn back into the bushes. By the distance they were swaying he judges he saw about half of the snake, some of the time hardly six feet from it. It made as much noise as a calf going through the underbrush which cracked and rustled and swayed to the right and left as it crept along. Putney put all speed to his bicycle and soon reached the village. A number of gallant hunters were not long in reaching the spot pointed out by Mr. P. There was plainly to be seen the tracks in the road where his snakeship had been but the reptile himself was not to be found.

The biographies of the new representatives contain the following about "our man": Isaac B. Martin, the new representative-elect from the thirteenth Worcester district, was born in Grafton, N. H., December, 30, 1825. He received a common school and academic education, and resided in his native town till 1856, following the business of merchant. Since that time he has resided in East Weymouth, Boston and East Cambridge, in which places he did a trucking and express business, and in Southbridge, where for the last ten years he has been agent for the Boston, Hartford and Erie, and New York and New England railroads. Mr. Martin held the office of selectman and town clerk three years each, in Grafton, and was also postmaster at Grafton Center and at Grafton, and was colonel of the 37 New Hampshire militia. He is a republican, as he says, "without any hankering for Charles Francis Adams," and is in favor of prohibition and of George F. Hoar for United States senator. Nov. 1876.

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What the Manufacturers are Doing.

The button shop has just completed a large order and commenced on another. The goods are becoming quite popular in the market.

The *United States Economist* publishes the following about the Hamilton Woolen Company's new spring styles:

Knickerbocker prints were opened during the week in the new spring work, and many of the styles for novelty and beauty at once attracted attention, and are ordered ahead for reprinting. More than ordinary care has been given to the grounds which are well covered, and with extra good colors. The designs reveal improvement in skill as well as originality of conception. The effects are clean cut, and stand out on the ground work full of life and character. In the range of patterns one distinctive nature is the attention given to pin check grounds in printed shades, over which are beautiful flower and set figure effects produced in all the popular colorings. In padded grounds there are also some attractive patterns. Polkas on tinted grounds are also finely brought out, but the great novelty of all is style 2226, a large brilliant flower effect on tinted grounds. This is indeed an exquisite pattern, and reveals high art in calico printing.

The following is the American Optical Company's last return to the commonwealth:

American Optical Co.—Certificate filed January 31; Treasurer, Geo. W. Wells; fixed capital $60,000, capital paid in $60,000 Assets—Land and water power $12,800, buildings $38,900, machinery $15,000, cash and debts receivable $114,211, manufactures $93,180, miscellaneous $11,420; total $285,511. Liabilities—Capital stock $60,000, debts $17,200, profit and loss $148,311, reserve for depreciation $60,000; total $285,511. 1883

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Whitaker and Miss Winifred Weld have been at Cottage City and Nantucket during the past week with the Massachusetts Press association. July 17 1885

If our local columns today, lack their usual variety, we offer in excuse the fact that our local reporter is off and on this week, off duty and on a wedding tour.

One more unfortunate, harrassed and troubled,
Rashly importunate, he's gone and got doubled.
—*Marlboro Times.*

The aforesaid "local" is E. C. Hawkes, formerly of this town, who has the JOURNAL'S congratulations.

A room has been fitted up in the town hall basement, south side, for the Chemistry and Natural Philosophy classes in the high school. A quantity of chemicals and apparatus for their use has been obtained, (about $45.00 worth). The History class has a copy of King's "Europe in Storm and Calm" for reference, which will be a great help to them under the direction of a judicious teacher. Jan. 1886

The fourth quarterly conference of the Methodist church, was held February 23rd, and the following list of officers chosen for the ensuing year

Trustees — Wm. Comstock, president; J. M. Clemence, secretary and treasurer; Ephraim Dakin, O. S. Brainard, H. D. West, M. D., John A. McKinstry, J. Williams, J. S. Tufts, I. O. Angell.

Stewards — J. E. Clemence, recording steward; E. E. Chace district steward; Franklin Jacobs, Joseph Fallows, Vernon Joslin, M. L. Brainard, T. Butterworth, Metcalf Baker, A. L. Streeter.

Mission and church extension committee—The board of stewards.

Sunday school committee—Mrs. Fallows, Mrs. Mary F. Dakin, Mrs. A. Butterworth, Mary E. Clemence, Mrs. Fannie Brackett, Mrs. Rosa Jackson, Mrs. E. E. Chace, Mrs. L. A. Brown, L. Alice Holmes.

Temperance committee — J. M. Clemence, E. Dakin, J. Fallows, E. E. Chace, V. Joslin.

Tract and pastor's aid—Mrs. Ruth E. Marble, Mrs. Catherine Chamberlain, Mrs. Mary F. Dakin, Mrs. J. M. Clemence, Mrs. A. Butterworth, Mrs. C. E. Lombard. Miss Minnie West, Mrs. L. A. Brown, Mrs. R. W. Wood, M. L. Brainard and J. E. Clemence.

Education committee—J. E. Clemence, Mrs. E. W. Litchfield, Mrs. E. E. Chace, Mrs. J. H. Sanders, Mary E. Clemence, H. R. Beecher, Mrs. A. Butterworth, A. L. Streeter, George T. McVey.

Records—Albert McKinstry, J. M. Clemence.

Parsonage committee—J. A. McKinstry, Mrs. J. A. McKinstry, Mrs. J. M. Clemence, Mrs. J. Fallows, Mrs. J. H. Sanders.

Music — J. Fallows, J. E. Clemence, Franklin Jacobs.

Estimating—J. M. Clemence, J. Williams, E. Dakin.

Conference claimants—H. D. West, M. D., M. L. Brainard. Feb. 23, 1883

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held their sixth annual meeting February 13th, at Mrs. Sylvester Dresser's. The following officers were chosen for the coming year: President, Mrs. S. Dresser; vice-presidents, Mrs. Upham, Mrs. Danielson, Mrs. Magwire Mrs. Avann, and Mrs. Hayward; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. M. F. Leonard. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. They propose this year to work more especially among the children, and in the language of Miss Francis Willard, would invite "all good and true women who are willing to clasp hands in one common effort to protect their homes and loved ones from the ravages of drink," to come and join us in our work.

We are pained to announce that Ferdinand Gagnon, editor of *Le Travailleur*, died at his residence in Worcester at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning. By his death the French Canadians of the United States lose one of their foremost leaders in all that concerns the welfare and progress of their nationality. Apr 15 '86

houses.

Rev. A. G. Upham preached his farewell sermon last Sabbath, officially and formally taking leave of his people in well chosen and touching language, [illegible] up his work here. His people chose Monday evening for a more social leave-taking, and assembled in full force at the church vestry, together with a number of invited guests from other parishes. After a social season and singing by the choir a collation was served in one of the parlors. Mr. Crouch, in behalf of Mr. Upham's bible class, presented him with a set of Dickens's works and six volumes of British poets. Rev. M. L. Richardson, on being invited to speak, said that Southbridge was one of the best places to live in one can find in the world, and expressed surprises and regrets that Mr. Upham was to leave such surroundings, such work, such a warm place, for that cold northern retreat. Here are good neighbors in the Congregational, Methodist, Baptist and Universalist churches, and it is a hazardous thing to leave. The speaker then alluded in very complimentary terms to Mr. Upham's strength of intellect, his versatility and his good, broad common sense.

Mr. Upham responded, alluding in a feeling manner to the cordial fraternal relations which had existed with his brothers in the ministry. Though he was so soon to be a loyal subject of the queen, God bless her, the United States flag would never be the less dear and he should be a little anxious to know who was elected to be the next President. He alluded in a facetious manner to the possibility of his some time returning to the states and becoming one of "the dangerous classes." He concluded with expressions of regard for the town and his people, and a desire to hear from them, and to be remembered by them.

In connection with the above it is not out of place to mention that Saturday evening, Mrs. Upham's Sunday school class called on her and surprised her with a large and elegant engraving of Raphael's Madonna di San Sisto.

Two pictures, "The signing of the emancipation proclamation" and "Great authors of the United States" have recently been presented to the public library by Henry C. Bowen of the *N. Y. Independent*. They will be framed and in place in a few days. Aug. 1881.

Mr. Thurston, former principal of the high school, was in town over Sunday.

Apr. 1878 **H. M. S. Pinafore.**

The performance of the comic opera "Pinafore," as given under the direction of Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, by her pupils, and others from our best local talent, in Edwards Opera house, on Thursday and Friday evenings of last week, drew out large and appreciative audiences, who were enthusiastic in their applause at the efforts put forth by the directress and her pupils, in rendering one of the best amateur performances ever given in Southbridge. We are glad to record this evidence of hearty appreciation of local talent. The principal characters were well sustained, most of them being far above the usual amateur standard. Miss Minnie Searles, as *Josephine*, showed a careful study of her part, and especially distinguished herself in her solos, receiving several encores and a profusion of bouquets in appreciation of her efforts. Miss Florence I. King, as *Little Buttercup*, sang and acted her part in a very creditable manner, receiving well-deserved applause; Miss King shows more than ordinary histrionic ability. Miss Mary Butler made a very interesting *Hebe*, sustaining her part of *Sir Joseph's* first cousin in a smooth and finished manner. J. A. King, as *Sir Joseph Porter, the admiral*, showed that he had "walked the boards" before, receiving generous applause for his admirable acting. Augustus Cook (baritone) sustained the part of *Capt. Corcoran* in a very effective manner, and sang in good form, receiving a full share of applause. J. F. B. Litchfield (tenor) did well in the part of *Ralph Rackstraw*, singing in his usual excellent manner, more especially on the second night, when his duets with *Josephine* showed careful study and elicited frequent bursts of applause. Ernest W. Winter was an excellent *Dead Eye*, his make-up being quite an artistic piece of work; he sang and acted his part in true professional style. H. N. Carpenter (*Bill Bobstay*) made a jolly boatswain's mate, looking and acting his character without a "spec" or a "flaw." Master Edgar Butterworth (*Tom Tucker*) strutted majestically. The chorus sang well and in excellent time, showing careful training. They also gave evidence of excellent drill in the stage business, taking their positions and performing their parts in an easy, graceful manner. They deserve great credit for their exertions in assisting to carry the program through in so successful a manner. They consisted of the following ladies and gentlemen: Misses Emma Townsend, Addie Martin, Cora Marble, Carrie Marble, Jessie Blane, Maude Oldham, Agnes Meagher, Maggie Kelly, Annie McGilpin, Jennie Mullen, Dillie Chamberlain, Hattie Smith, Mattie Searles, Katie Abbott, Ida Varner, and Mrs. Mary Litchfield; Dr. Bradford, Alex. Martin, A. Caron, J. E. Clemence, W. S. Robinson, Herbert Wells, L. W. Litchfield, W. J. Litchfield, E. E. Chase, C. B. Bartlett, and J. Warren. J. Tourtellotte personated *Bob Beckett;* and Marcus L Dillaber and Horace W. Bacon, jr., sergeants of marines. The orchestra was all that could be desired, under the leadership of Fred. W. Rowley, and added greatly to the success of the entertainment. The stage management and scenic effects were in excellent keeping with the opera, and carried out very efficiently under the superintendence of W. F. Penniman. Too much credit can not be given Mrs. Carpenter for her untiring exertions in bringing this "ven-

ture" to so successful an issue, as also to

Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

One of the most competent and faithful of the school teachers in Southbridge, is Mrs. Susie M. Knight; and not only is she an excellent teacher, but she has been blessed with sufficient physical strength to withstand the severe strain of a teacher's life, and be at her post through rain and shine for a quarter of a century. The completion of this long term of service was deemed by her friends an event well worth celebrating. Accordingly there was a large gathering of past and present scholars, and parents, at Dresser Opera House last evening. The large room was thronged by hosts of friends. Mrs. Knight "received," assisted by Miss Josie Rice and E. M. Phillips, who for years was a member of the school committee. After the conclusion of this pleasant exercise, Sylvester Dresser, another former committee and a stalwart friend of education, presided, and there was a song of welcome by the school children. A handsome and valuable practical expression of esteem was then presented to Mrs. Knight by G. Clarence Winter, a former pupil, who spoke as follows:

Dear Friend: It is always pleasant to praise and honor those justly deserving it. Such recognition comes from the heart and carries encouragement and strength. When one realizes that their efforts are fully appreciated by those in whose interest they are performed it gives them renewed hope and causes them to press onward with a lighter heart to overcome the great difficulties, in the cause for which they have enlisted. It is a source of great pleasure to us all to meet you here this evening on the 25th anniversary of your beginning your educational labors in this town. For a quarter of a century you have labored among us, laying the foundations of many structures—for the life of man is a building and childhood the base upon which it rests. If the foundation is wisely laid it is a firm support in youth, middle life, and old age which completes the structure.

Not only as a patient, able and successful teacher you have toiled among us, but as a tried and kind friend and a cheering guide, seeking ever to direct our steps and minds in such a course as would lead us to display in our lives an honest, virtuous, persevering integrity.

The result of your labors—the good you have accomplished—can not be estimated. In nearly all departments of life we find persons who owe their success to your careful teachings and kind lessons.

It is proper, therefore, that we acknowledge with thankfulness your unceasing toils in our behalf. We doubt not that you have already received the rich reward which the consciousness of duties well performed always imparts. But to that we would add our sincere gratitude and high respect; in behalf of the parents whose children you have so faithfully guided, in behalf of the children themselves, and in behalf of your many friends in Southbridge, I present you with this token of our lasting friendship, esteem and love. May it ever be a pleasant reminder to you of this occasion; and although time may hurry us on till the veil of obscurity shall interpose between memory and the scenes of childhood, may we never forget your cherished name, your pure example, and wise instructions. Accept we pray you, these expressions of regard, as the sincere and grateful tribute of many overflowing hearts.

A quartet—Misses Searles and King, and Messrs Winter and Litchfield then sang a selection when Rev. J. Danielson, in behalf of Mrs. Knight, thanked her friends for the interest, and good will and kindly appreciation, they had extended.

Rev. M. L. Richardson spoke a few practical and happy words, representing the past members of the school board, and Rev. S. Hayward spoke for the present board.

John O. McKinstry next spoke, he being one of the board who first hired Mrs. Knights.

Allie Olds gave some of his wonderful whistling solos, and there was an excellent original poem by Mrs. Wm. P. Plimpton, which will appear in these columns next week.

At the conclusion of these exercises all united in singing "Auld Lang Syne," after which a pleasant social hour followed.

The affair was well conceived and passed off very successfully. Apr 10 '84.

Marriages. 1884.

Jan 1, by Rev G Ely Brochu, Adolphe Lamothe to Edmire Bebeau.
1, by Rev G Ely Brochu, Jean Baptiste Gagnon to Lizzie Lucier.
2, by Rev Alvin F Bailey, Lyman A Bemis to Emma Harwood.
14, by Rev Chas Giroux, Joseph Demas to Valentine Livermoise.
24, by Rev Thomas W Nickerson Rochdale, John Charles McGilpin to Jennie E Harrington.
27, by Rev J M Avann, Elmer E Davis to Maggie Hopwood.
31, by Rev J M Kremmen, John Walsh to Margaret Cassidy.
31, by Rev Chas Giroux, Frank Levalle to Roselda Jette.

Feb 5, by Rev Chas Giroux, Napoleon Larochelle to Marie Peck.
3, by Rev G Ely Brochu, Napoleon Peck to Delia Trembley.
5, by Rev Chas Giroux, Horace J Gravel to Marie Louise Lord.
12, by Rev F Magwire, Herbert D Bidwell to Annie M Kilby.
17, by Rev J M Avann, Henry C Brown to Caroline E Hammond.

Mar 20, by Rev A G Upham, Charles M Vinton to Jennie E Dillaber.

Apr 3, by Rev Silvanus Hayward Simeon F Marsh to Caliste B Marsh.
6, by Rev G Ely Brochu, Depardines to Rosalie Benjamin.
30, by Rev J M Kremmen, John W Silk to Mary Ann Tully.

May 3, by Rev F Magwire, Earnest L Gay to Nora Marcy.
7, by Rev J M Kremmen, Thomas Jarett to Hannah Monohan.
19, by Rev J M Kremmen, William Corles to Winifred Maher.
30, by Rev F Magwire, Joseph Holden to Jane B Heald.

June 6, by Rev Chas Giroux, Peter Beaugrand to Hattie Demers.
9, by Rev J M Kremmen, Lucian S Davis to Ellen F Maloney.
14, by Rev J M Kremmen, James N Cornes to Hannah Quirk.
14, by Rev J M Kremmen, James Munroe to Anna Whelan.
18, by Rev J M Kremmen, David Kennedy to Mary A Kelly.
23, by Rev A G Upham, Charles Kane to Annie Barber.
25, by Rev J M Kremmen, Lawrence Hughes to Sarah E Lee.
28, by Rev M L Richardson, Sturbridge Albert McComber to Mary C Merrick.

July 6, by J F Sheehan, Joseph Lafner to Flovie Tremblay.
9, by Rev Chas Giroux, Joseph Gregory to Lizzie Lachapelle.
15, by Rev J M Kremmen, Joseph Gravel to Mary A Fairbanks.
16, by Rev J A Prevost, New Bedford, Bazile Proulx to Josephine Trahon.
17, by Rev Silvanus Hayward, Edward Tully to Phebe Mott.
23, by Rev Chas Giroux, Joseph Grenier to Nellie Metevie.
23, by Rev G Ely Brochu, Peter Gagnon to Fannie Lafleche.

Aug 2, by Rev Chas M Peirce, Elmer L. Dodge to Addie S Devling.
6, by Rev G Ely Brochu, Gilbert Lippe to Sophie Lablanc.
15, by Rev A H Coolidge, David A Reeves jr., to Flora G Whitford.
19, by Rev J M Kremmen, John Hogan to Catherine Kenny.
21, by Rev R R Kendall, E. Blackstone, James Ward to Cora V Corey.
24, by Rev M L Richardson, Sturbridge, Geo C Wood to Ida Hibbard.
29, by Rev Silvanus Hayward, Wm Walter Howland to Annie Gowans.

Sept 8, by Rev F Magwire, Robert L Cameron to Margery Emily Brown.
17, by Rev G Ely Brochu, Andrew N Gaudette to Emily Belnouis.
19, by Rev G Ely Brochu, Frederick Delage to Julienne Largesse.
24, by Rev G Ely Brochu, Joseph Peloquin jr., to Delia Hetu.

Oct 1, by Rev G Ely Brochu, Leander Sweet to Elmira Longuay.
1, by Rev J M Kremmeu, Henry Tatro to Bridget Brown.
3, by Rev Silvanus Hayward, Charles H Phillips to Cordelia A Davis.
9, by Rev G Beekman, John F Gage to Jennie Estella Babson.
21, by Rev W H Meredith, Northampton, Theodore M Place to Nettie Hitchcock.
22, by Rev Jos M Riouxon, Philibert Lamreux to Josephine Vandale.
22, by Rev J M Kremmen, John C Murphey to Ellen Ward.

Nov 12, by Rev Jos M Riouxon, Henry Brodeur to Delina Lapierre.
26, by Rev Jos M Riouxon, Antione Martin to Philomine Leopelle.
27, by Rev Silvanus Hayward, Edward F McIntosh to Hattie L Moulton.
29, by Rev Silvanus Hayward, Paul N King to Mary Madden.

Dec 22, by Rev Silvanus Hayward, Charles Horton to Alice Hickey.
25, by Rev DeWitt S Clerk, Salem, Julius S Gleason to Lillian M Smith.
26, by Rev Jos M Riouxon, Senois Martin jr., to Delaide Duchan.
27, by Rev G Beekman, Orman Hicks to Carrie S Newell.
31, by Rev Jos Riouxon, William B Lucier to Marie Akey.

Personal. Sept. 11, 1884.

J. C. King of Chicago, Ill., is visiting eastern friends.

The fourth quarterly conference of

Samuel Newell,

To the Editor of the Southbridge Journal:

The funeral of Samuel Newell, who departed this life on the 13th inst., was held at his late residence on South St., on Friday last, and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends.

Mr. Newell belonged to one of the oldest families in town. His father was Isaac A. Newell, a cloth-finisher by trade, who worked at the mills in Webster and for the Hamilton Woolen company. He also kept for a time the old Healy Tavern, which stood where the Dresser House now stands. His wife was Nancy Plimpton, and two children were born to them, Samuel and Dolly Marcy, between whom there always existed a warm and tender attachment which makes this loss by death to the surviving sister all the harder to bear.

The subject of this sketch was born in Aug. 19, 1818, in the old homestead on the borders of Sturbridge, and now occupied by Miss Sally Plimpton; but most of his life was passed within the limits of Southbridge.

Besides the education which he received in the common schools, he pursued partial courses of study in Wilbraham and Dudley academies.

At the age of fifteen he was in the employ of Daniel Hodges, and afterwards of John O. McKinstry and brother. For a number of years he served as clerk in the mercantile establishment of the Edwards Bros., and then went into the dry goods and grocery business for himself. In 1859 he bought out the furniture stock of Smith Beecher, which was in what was then known as the old Tammany hall, and which, with several adjoining buildings, was destroyed by fire in 1862. Starting business again in Dresser hall, he continued in the furniture trade until 1865, when he sold out to Samuel Williams.

Since that time, Mr. Newell has not been in active business, but has devoted himself to the care of the estate left to him by his father. Several of the streets in that part of the village—Winter, Water, Highland and School streets—w[illegible] either wholly, or in part, laid ou[illegible]m, and being a great lover of nat[illegible], many of the trees which beau[illegible]se streets and the building lots adj[illegible]g them are of his planting.

Mr. [illegible]ll was a remarkably hopeful ma[illegible]. He was continually planning for the future, and patiently waited the realization of his hopes of a larger prosperity in the things of this life.

Though suffering many reverses and disappointments in business affairs, he was even-tempered in the midst of them all. None knew better than he how to keep his troubles to himself. In point of intelligence he was much better informed than the average of men; a great reader with a retentive memory; a constant patron of the public library, and one who kept himself posted in regard to what was transpiring in the world. Seldom do we meet with a man who is so polite and uniformly courteous as was Mr. Newell in all the varied intercourses of life. His neighbors ever found him kind-hearted and obliging. Of a quiet and retiring disposition, he never sought notoriety, yet as a citizen he was highly respected, and was several times urged to take office in town, but declined all solicitations of that kind, except to serve one or two years as assessor. Personally he was a man of strictly good habits and in this respect his life-record is worthy of imitation by every young man who is inclined to yield to the temptation of self-indulgence. Though not a professor of experimental religion, he had his strong religious convictions and until prevented by physical infirmities, he was a constant and appreciative attendent upon the services of God's house.

Mr. Newell was married in 1855 to Elizabeth V. Jencks, who survives him. with four children, one son who holds a fine position in the Pittsburg Locomotive works, and three daughters, the oldest, an efficient teacher in the School street grammar school, and the younger sister a recent graduate, with first honors, from Vassar College. It is a remarkable fact that this is the first event of death that has taken place in the family history. By the removal of Mr. Newell our community is again reminded of the question, "Your fathers, where are they?" And the answer which comes back is, "Instead of the fathers, shall be the children."

JOSEPH DANIELSON.

The Schools.

The school committee declines to recede from the position relative to the superintendent.

Miss Aggie Meagher has been elected teacher of the River street west primary, and Miss Morse has been transferred to the School street primary.

F. E. Corbin, who has been the very able and successful principal of Nichols Academy, for a number of years, has been elected principal of the high school to succeed Mr. Tower.

Historical.

Among the papers and documents left by the late Capt. Daniel F. Newell, several have been found of considerable historical interest and value. They pertain to the life of his father, Capt. Samuel Newell, a member of the 15th Massachusetts regiment in the continental army. This regiment went from Worcester county and was largely composed of men from this section. It sustained a conspicuous part in many of the prominent conflicts of the revolutionary war and was a part of the army when it won its final victory at York[illegible]. While the army was operating [illegible]g the highlands on the Hudson in 1780, Mr. Newell's term of enlistment expired, and the first of these papers is a receipt given him certifying that he had returned his "Flintlock" and accoutrements. It is signed by Joseph Peirce, quarter-master of the regiment. After the close of the war he became a member of the state militia, and the second of these papers is his warrant as clerk of his company. This paper is signed by Col. Benjamin Freeman and Capt. Elias Plympton. May 3, 1796, he received a commission as ensign in the 4th Regiment of the militia. May 2, 1797, he was promoted to a lieutenantcy. Each of these commissions are signed by Sam'l Adams, then governor of the state, and because of this fact are of especial worth. Sept. 14, 1798, he became a captain, receiving his commission as such from then, Gov. Increase Sumner. Mr. Newell's military career closed with his resignation of the last mentioned commission. The other papers are of a civil nature. In 1821 he was appointed by Gov. John Brooks, a justice of the peace; seven years later the appointed was renewed by Gov. Levi Lincoln. Mr. Newell died in 1836 in his 82d year. All of the above mentioned papers are in excellent condition considering their great age. The autograph of Sam'l Adams, who is sometimes spoken of as the "Father of the Revolution," is written in a small feminine hand, but every letter is full and complete.

Josephus Woodcock died in Leicester July 12, at the age of 31 years. He left four children among whom were the wife of Charles D. Monroe of this town and the wife of Hon. Charles A. Denny of Worcester. He had been an active business man and one who filled many responsible offices.

ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS.

The thunder shower Monday afternoon was not very severe in this vicinity, but the cloud appearance was somewhat remarkable. The shower came from the west and was preceded by a very black cloud, which instead of having a ragged, indefinite outline, as is usual, presented a sharply defined edge above and below and was shaped something like a huge crescent. Above this curious cloud, toward the east, the sky was somewhat clear, though presenting some peculiar reflections as the shower advanced. Below the black cloud the storm cloud had a remarkable greenish tinge—almost like some of the fashionable olive tints—while the frequent lightnings shot across this weird sky with great brilliancy. The aspect of the sky was very suggestive of what we have read of western cyclones. Hereabouts the winds blew very hard for a few minutes, but without destruction to property. The morning papers, however, reported damages to trees, telegraph poles, and in a few cases to buildings, through the western portion of Massachusetts and Connecticut. The lightning struck the Sturbridge telephone line about a mile and a half outside of the village and melted the iron wire most off. The charge passed off by the lightning arrester—which was somewhat melted—at the central office. Enough "jumped" to the other wires running by the side of this one to disable them for a few hours. The shower was preceded by a few minutes of sultry stillness.

The shower Wednesday afternoon was accompanied by a very black cloud which shut over the sky like an immense blanket. The shower was not very violent in Southbridge. J. 6.2.'83

Winthrop Harding, son of the late Thomas N. Harding, died suddenly Wednesday evening aged, 50 years. Nearly the whole of his life had been passed in suffering and as a semi-invalid. At the age of twenty he was taken ill with spinal trouble and remained confined to his bed seven years following. He then partially recovered but was never able to do any work that made the slightest tax upon what little strength he had regained. About one year ago he was seized with a relapse of his disease and remained a sufferer until the time of his death.

The annual May-day party of the Universalist Sabbath school was held at Mrs. Oscar Barrett's residence last week Thursday. 1884.

Obituary.

In the death of Mrs. Wm. F. McKinstry, which occurred at her home on Pleasant street last Saturday, there passed away one who lived among us for nearly fifty years. She was born in Charlton, and was the daughter of Col. Asa Bacon, once a well-known and extensive tanner, living and doing business at the North side. All of her married life was spent in this town, and the past thirty years at her residence on Pleasant street.

Mrs. McKinstry was a woman who regarded life as something more than a mere existence So conscientiously did she perform her duties that her character grew more heavenly as each day was added to her life. She was true to herself, and in being so was eminently faithful to others. One always found her the same, cheerful, true-hearted friend, whether at home or abroad; always watchful to perform those little acts which go to make up the grand consummation of our lives; she won the love and respect of all with whom she became known. We once heard a person say that Mrs. McKinstry was "Goodness personified," and those of us who knew her best will not say this was unmerited praise for who can call to mind even an unfriendly look. As one's acquaintance with her grew the more was found in her character to love and admire. Her life was successful in the truest sense; the world was better for her being in it, and to all that knew her she has left an ideal character which if we might well accept as a model for our own lives.

The funeral of Mrs. McKinstry took place Tuesday afternoon at her late residence, Rev. Silvanus Hayward officiating, and was very largely attended by relatives and friends. An impressive feature of the service was the reading by a nephew of the deceased, of Ray Palmer's beautiful hymn, "My faith looks up to Thee." This was a favorite hymn of Mrs. McKinstry's, and previous to her death she requested that it be read at her funeral.

From George A. Haggerty of St. John, N. B, we have recieved a photograph of a new ten wheel locomotive built from his own designs and valued at $12,000. This engine is the largest and finest in the Canadas and together with five new passenger coaches are attracting much attention and many compliments to Mr. H. as mechanical superintendent of the New Brunswick railways.

Obituary.

It is with a feeling of extreme sadness, that we record the death by drowning of Irving, eldest son of Wm. H. Clarke. Tuesday forenoon, while bathing in the Central Mill Co's pond in company with two boys of his own age, he went beyond his depth and sank immediately. His companions, frightened at the sight, hastily dressed and ran for help; at the same time Henry B. Dresser, from a distance, saw the child as he rose and hurried to the rescue, but was not able to reach the place in time. Willing hands worked hard and long in trying to find the body, but did not succeed until an hour and a half after the accident which took place at about half past ten. Efforts to resuscitate him were in vain. Irving was twelve years of age, one of the brightest, most promising boys in town and a universal favorite for his quiet, earnest ways. His parents are accorded the deepest sympathy in this extreme great trial which has been so suddenly thrust upon them. The funeral was held at their residence on Marcy street yesterday afternoon.

—On Monday last we were shown mail matter that was on the steamer *Oregon*, sunk off Fire Island on March 14. It was in excellent condition and contained an advertisement of Burr's Hotel, London, addressed to the late Manning Leonard. It was recovered on July 1st and immediately forwarded to Southbridge. Bernard Leonard has it in his possession, and will be pleased to show it to all interested parties, as an example of the care and ability which is exercised in handling all mail matter.

—Base ball is at its highest rage in Southbridge just now. A. J. Bartholomew is to enclose the grounds with a seven-foot fence and erect a grand stand with a seating capacity of 200. The tree in the center of the ground is to be cut down and the diamond brought forward about 50 feet. As soon as these improvements are made Southbridge will have the finest ball grounds in Worcester county. J. S. Dresser has been elected manager. The team are to have new uniforms, now being made at Wright & Ditson's, Boston. The grounds will be opened August 14, when the club will appear in their new uniforms.

We have been permitted to quote from a private letter from J. [illegible] Brackett in which he writes; "My crops are looking well, Nig is fat and saucy, and the boys have to keep out of his pasture. He weighs 1500 pounds and has done all the work on a farm of 85 acres."

TELEPHONE RATES.

Our readers may have read considerable in the daily and other papers about a general advance and equalizing telephone rates throughout New England. The lightning will strike here next month, the favoritism which this place has heretofore received being ended. The manager has received notice of the advance and will mail notifications to subscribers next week. The rate adopted for all cities and towns with a population of less than 20,000, in the New England company's territory, on lines one mile or less of the central office with three or more subscribers, is $3.50 per month for business places, and $3.00 per month for residences. Where the number of subscribers on a line should be limited to one or two there is an extra charge, and for those more than a mile from the central office there is an extra charge proportional to the extra distance. The company claim that the old rates are not remunerative; that they have adopted all improvements calculated to enhance the value of the telephone service to subscribers, and in this direction expensive appliances are constantly demanded. Many expensive jobs of reconstruction have also been necessitated—a very small illustration being seen on Central street in Southbridge. The Company's stock is very much depressed and no dividends have been paid. It is experimenting with an automatic exchange system in Leicester, by which any subscriber can call any other without the intervention of a Central office. It is practicable, however, only in comparatively compact exchanges. A new copper wire is being constructed between Worcester and Boston

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Geo. A. Haggerty of the N. B. railway works has constructed a chime of steam whistles for service at the water works in Woodstock N. B, as an alarm in case of fire. The chime is composed of a trio of whistles, rising one above the other, the whole being 5 feet 4 inches in length. There are three distinct whistles through which the steam passes producing in effect a sound very powerful, very resonant and far-reaching, and withal pleasing, being tempered or modulated so as to be deprived of that harshness which is a feature of an ordinary locomotive whistle. D. 9. 1886.

A DIRECTORY

Of the named streets in the village part of Southbridge.

Ash, from High opposite Globe Village house to Sayles.

Bow, from Mill near brick boarding house to Canal.

Canal, from Pleasant opposite J. O. McKinstry's store to Mill.

Central, from Main opposite Edwards house, to Charlton line.

Crane, from Hamilton past depot to Hamilton.

Cisco, from Main near railroad bridge south.

Collier, from West near big pond, south to School.

Cross from Union to Main.

Cliff from River at P. Kelly's store to Henry Clark place.

Dresser, from Elm opposite town house, westerly.

Everett, from Main southerly to Elm.

Elm, from Main opposite C. A. Dresser house to Woodstock line.

Edwards, from Marcy to Hamilton.

Foster, from Main, corner Baptist church to Central.

Gilmore, from Cliff at P. Kelly's to Pleasant.

Hamilton, from Main at Universalist church to Main at Union block.

High, from Main nearly opposite Gothic hall block, south to South.

Hook, from Central opposite Central mills to Hamilton.

Main, through Sandersdale westerly past cemetery, Baptist, Universalist and Methodist churches, Union and Gothic hall blocks, Hamilton Woolen company's print works and cotton mill.

Mechanic, from Main, near railroad bridge northerly past spec shop to North.

Mill, from junction of High and Main past woolen mill and boarding house to Kelley's store.

Marcy, from Main between Dr. West's and J. Marcy's to Hamilton.

North, from Foster near Central mills to Mechanic.

Pleasant, from Main near print works pond and Wm. E. Alden's store northerly to Charlton line.

Park, from Elm near Congregational church to Everett.

River, from Pleasant near school-house to Crane.

South, forks from Main near residence of A. J. Bartholomew running to Westville.

School, from High between residences of Geo. Boulton and D. Whitford westerly to West.

Sayles, from Main opposite Andrew Hall's to South.

Union, from Hamilton opposite Crane past Cross to Main at F. Ryan's.

West, from junction of High, Mill and Main at Bugbee and Wheeler's store past big pond, across South, southerly.

Winter, from South north to School.

Water, from South near S. Newell's house north.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The usual young men's meeting will be held Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Subject: Saying "No", Dan. i:8, Num. vi:2-3, Lam. iv:7, Amos. ii:11. These meetings are largely attended and are full of interest.

Boys' meeting next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. All boys are invited.

The concluding song service of the series was held in the Edwards Opera house, Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. The usual large audience was in attendance. Rev. Joseph Danielson gave the address, taking for a subject: "The choices of two young men." Thoughts were presented which should be remembered and prove helpful particularly to young men. The musical part of the service was made more interesting by two solos sung by Mrs. H. N. Carpenter. "Come ye Disconsolate" and "Give the Wings of Faith." Mr. Baker with cornet conducted the congregational singing.

Letters have been received by friends of F. M. Smith, announcing his safe arrival at London, England. He writes of his intention to visit the larger Y. M. C. Associations during his tour for the purpose of studying into their methods of reaching young men. At the World's Convention to be held in Berlin, Germany, in Aug., he will represent the local association and also the state association.

The *Journal of Education* says it would be difficult to excel the address at Bar Harbor of Wm. DeWitt Hyde of Bowdoin college in high pedagogical merit.

Sudden Death.

One of the saddest affairs that has happened in town for a long time was the sudden death of Frank V. Pratt in the cemetery last Friday morning. He has had some trouble with his head for a number of months, arising from a fall on the ice last winter. At first the trouble manifested itself only by an eccentricity of actions, but of late he has been much worse and the occasion of much solicitude to his friends. Last week Wednesday he told his parents he was going to drive with Thomas Blanchard. Subsequently it was ascertained that he had not been with Blanchard, and inquiry developed the fact that he went to Webster on the five o'clock train. The next day his father went in search of him, but did not find him. He learned, however, that Frank passed Wednesday night with his half brother William in Boston and Thursday afternoon started for Worcester.

He was recognized on the street that evening on the arrival of the Charlton stage, but did not go to his home. About 6:30 Friday morning his lifeless remains were found in the cemetery by W. L. D. Hall and C. L. Smith. His shoes were well polished, showing that he could not have wandered about much in the night, and his clothes bore no marks of travel or struggles of any kind. There was nothing about his appearance to indicate suicide and the commonly accepted theory is that death was occasioned by natural causes arising from his maladies. The Boston Sunday *Globe* published a sensational version of the affair, attributing his death to unrequitted love for a lady of Charlton, to whom he had paid much attention, but this theory is not received hereabouts.

Young Pratt was a young man of good habits, one of the best salesmen in town, and popular with all classes in the community. He was a member of the Royal Arcanum. Oct. 24. 1884.

When we compare our town with our sister towns, Southbridge, Oxford and Putnam, we notice how much they are our superior in literature. This is the result of the well equipped libraries they sustain and which are considered by them indispensable. Had we a free circulating library an educating influence would be in our midst, which could not help bearing good fruit.—*Webster Times.* Nov 1885.

True. And yet with all our boasted superiority there is not enough enthusiasm or interest here to maintain any kind of literary club or association.

Sale at Sandersdale.—The sale of the Southbridge Print Works property did not attract so large a crowd of buyers as the desirableness of the property might lead one to suppose would be congregated. As the time for the sale approached several persons interested in manufacturing from Southbridge and the adjacent towns, and others found their way to the premises, and also an omnibus load of out of town parties. Considerable time was spent in looking over the premises and examining the most thorough built and best arranged print works property that is to be found in these parts. At a little after the appointed time H. A. Streeter called the assemblage to order, and after expressing the sincere wish that Southbridge might soon see the works in operation he commenced the sale which was continued by Geo. F. Burnham of Providence, R. I. He read the terms of sale which were very liberal, and then briefly remarked upon the excellence and desirableness of the works as regards thoroughness of structure, convenience of arrangement and desirableness of location. Bids were called for; there was a pause; a bid was again called; no response; more talk by the auctioneer and no bid; at length "$150,000." Earle P. Mason the prominent Providence business man and president of the Providence & Worcester railroad had made it. For some time the auctioneer vainly called for an increase of the amount, the persons assembled looking on better than they bid. At length the property was struck off to Earle P. Mason for $150,000. We trust that some move may be made that the works will speedily be put into operation. It is a sad calamity not only to Mr. Sanders but to the town that he has been unable to start the works ere this. The great need of Southbridge is more resident manufacturers who will be personally interested in the growth and prosperity of the town. The sale of the works for $150,000 is an immense sacrifice, they having cost between two and three times that amount. Universal sorrow is felt that an unpropitious combination of circumstances has rendered the sale necessary. Dec. 13. '72

Mrs. H. N. Carpenter and pupils were greeted by a large audience at the old folks' concert given by them in Dresser hall last Thursday evening. The concert commenced by the old folks(?) marching into the hall and up the center aisle to the stage, thus giving the audience an opportunity to see the various costumes that had been gathered together. All the old garrets in this vicinity had been searched, and old calashes, stiff ruffles, silver buckles, knee breeches, and other reminders of the days of chivalry, were brought forth. The program consisted of solos, duets, trios and choruses, both ancient and modern, as follows: Northfield; Turner; Children's greeting; Red, white and blue; Sounds sweetly through the silence; quartet; double quartet; The Revolutionary tea; Yankee Doodle; Majesty; Strike the cymbal; Invitation; Farmers' girls; Lovely as a Boston girl's dream; Lords of creation; A thousand a year; Star-spangled banner; Auld Robin Gray; Auld Lang Syne, and America. A first-class orchestra furnished music for the occasion. The whole program was excellently rendered. Oct. 22. 1880.

A pleasant time was enjoyed Wednesday afternoon by a few relatives and friends at the residence of Joseph Esten, the occasion being the marriage of his daughter, Miss Etta, to William Bolster, a merchant of Valley Falls, R I The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. G. Upham pastor of the Baptist church at one o'clock, after which the usual congratulations were in order; when these were finished the guests partook of a collation. The newly married couple left in the afternoon for their home in Valley Falls. Although the bride has lived in this place but a short time, yet in that time she has made many friends, who wish her much happiness in her new home. There were many valuable and elegant presents, and the rooms were tastefully decorated by Florist Hodges. Nov 4. 1882.

H. M. Fisk has this week presented an ancient flax hachel to the museum. This is valuable on account of its age and the fact that it was used by the first white woman who came to this place — Mrs. Experience Dennison. Her daughter was the first white child born here—Mrs. Ralph Wheelock. Ralph Wheelock cut on the wooden bottom of the hachel when a neighbor came to borrow it, "R. W., Feb. 15, 1774.

A very pleasant party gathered at the residence of C. D. Paige, Thursday evening of last week, to listen to a private musical entertainment given by H. L. Ainsworth and pupils, assisted by E. B. Stowe and Miss Carrie R. Stone. The following program was performed: Feb. 26. 1880.

Overture—"Martha." 2 pianos..... *Flotow*
Misses Ellis, Cutting and Mary Carpenter, Mr. Ainsworth.
Piano solo—"La Fiorentina"..... *Duvernoy*
Miss Kate F. Hartwell.
Song—"Honor and Arms"..... *Handel*
Mr. E. B. Stowe.
Piano solo—"Belisario"..... *Smith*
Miss Maria Cutting.
Cavanta—"Cupa Fatal"..... *Centemeri*
Miss Carrie R. Stone.
Caprice de Concert—"Traviata"..... *Ascher*
Miss Louie Ellis.
Piano solo—{ Nocturne D flat..... *Dohler* / Rondo A major..... *Hayden*
Miss Cora L. Carpenter.
Song—"Tell me, oh Gentle Maiden"
Miss Carrie R. Stone.
Vocal Duo—
Miss Stone and Mr. Stowe.
Symphony, E flat, 2 pianos..... *Haydn*
Misses Carpenter, Ellis and Hartwell and Mr. Ainsworth.
Piano solo—
Mr. Ainsworth.

The music was all choice and elicited frequent applause and several encores.

Personal.

C. L. Dean of Boston and Wm. B. Morse of the *East Boston Advocate*, were in town Monday.

Mar. 1. **Golden Wedding.** 1880.

The 50th anniversary of the marriage of Joseph H. Williams and Mary Potter was observed at their residence on Monday evening, the 1st inst. The gathering consisted of about fifty persons, made up largely of elderly people, many of whom have known Mr. W. and wife since they first came to town, some forty or more years ago. Both old and young enjoyed the occasion highly and will have pleasant recollections of what then and there took place. The time was spent in recalling by-gone incidents and comparing notes of the varied experiences of each other. Ample justice was done at the well-spread tables, and notwithstanding the presence of several well-known eaters the supply of eatables did not in the least fall short. No clergyman being present a layman was obliged to perform the ceremony of reuniting the venerable couple in the bonds of matrimony. A youthful couple of about the same age as the contracting parties "assisted" in the ceremony. Valuable presents in both money and goods were made. The affair, for an impromptu one, was a decided success.

Four generations were represented at the residence of J. Fred Fiske last week — Verney Fiske, John Davis Fiske, John Fredrick Fiske, and Master John Edmund Fiske, father, son, grandson and great grandson, the oldest seventy-nine and the youngest three years old. July 11 1884

One of the pleasant social events of the month was the marriage, Wednesday evening, at the residence of the bride on Maple street, by Rev. A. Sanderson, of the Methodist church, of Miss Addie N. Greene to Edwin P. Wells of Southbridge, the bridesmaids being two little girls, Misses Mattie Converse and Alice Buck. The guests numbered some fifty or more, including the grandmother, aged eighty-six, who traveled from Vermont to attend. The bride was attired in a combination of white satin and nun's veiling. The presents were very numerous and costly, the most valuable being a check of $500 and a beautiful marble clock. The newly married couple left in the early evening for Boston, where Mr. Wells is engaged in business.—*Warren correspondent Worcester Spy.* Nov. 1. 1882.

The Baptist church was crowded at the memorial services last Sabbath evening. On the pulpit platform were Rev. Messrs. Hayward, Magwire, Danielson and Pomfret, who took part in the introductory services. Rev. Gorham Easterbrook took for his text Paul's words, "I have fought the good fight." He considered the nature of Paul's contest and compared it in some particulars with the late war. 1, It was a moral contest—such are real and exacting often calling for much courage and suffering. 2, Lines of division in a moral contest as in the war for the union are sharply drawn; there can be no neutral ground. 3, A moral contest appeals to all that is highest and best in man. 4, Great causes make great men. 5, The moral cause is not only the right but it is the winning one. 6, Self-sacrifice is of value and needed in the moral contest. 7, Faith in God makes great men; infidelity is a failure; it has blotted out nations and cursed peoples.—The members of the G. A. R. attended in full ranks. May 24, 1885.

J. P. Stedman, whose death we recorded last week, was an old well-known resident of the town. He had been prominently identified with the national and savings banks, the Hamilton Woolen company and the Baptist society. His death removes one more of the few remaining landmarks which connect this with an earlier age of the town's history. Dec. 1884

The ladies of the Universalist society invite the public to a grand turkey dinner at Dresser hall next Wednesday noon. No pains will be spared to even surpass the achievements of previous years. Nov. 1884

Dec. 1. **Library Notes.** 1879.

At the regular meeting of the library committee Monday evening, a copy of Gugler's engraving of Littlefield's painting of Abraham Lincoln was presented to the library by Bernard A. Leonard. The engraving is one of the finest pictures of Lincoln ever executed. A sub committee was appointed to draw up resolutions, and the following were reported:

Resolved, That the thanks of the library committee and of the community are due Mr. Leonard for his beautiful gift, and that they appreciate fully the spirit and the force of his able communication accompanying it.

Resolved, That the engraving be assigned a prominent place in the library, that the old and the young may gather inspiration by looking upon the face of the great emancipator.

Thirteen hundred and two books were issued during the month of November as follows: 573 fiction, 303 juvenile, 55 history, 44 biography, 79 travels, 25 poetry, 48 scientific. 61 essays, 14 religious and philosophical, 47 miscellaneous, 46 bound magazines, 7 agricultural works.

Oct. **Cotton Cleaner.** 1884.

The *Savannah* (Ga.) *News* of recent date publishes the following about a machine which was invented and manufactured in this town last summer:

The agitation of the subject of false-packed and sanded cotton by the spinners in England last season has resulted in an invention which will not only do much toward improving the quality of cotton shipped abroad, but be beneficial to our people by enabling them to get better prices for rejected cottons. The machine, which is known as the "Cotton Cleaner," is the invention of Messrs. Daffin & Dresser, cotton buyers of this city, who now have two of them in operation in their "Novelty Works" at the foot of Whitaker street, on Bay and River streets. This place is a "pickery" on a large scale, where damaged, inferior or badly packed cottons are unpacked, assorted and cleaned and rebaled, according to the grades that the process through which the staple has passed may give them. The cotton cleaner is a very simple but effective machine, and consists of a wire cone-shaped sieve, eight feet long and two feet wide at one end and four feet at the other, revolving on fourteen rollers. Inside of this cone and revolving in an opposite direction to it is a shaft with wooden arms or beaters. The cotton is fed into the small end of the cone, and passing through is thoroughly manipulated so that when it reaches the large end or mouth of the screen it is divested of dust and other foreign substances that are carried off by blow-pans (which exhaust the air from a box at the bottom of the cone), and the staple comes out a first-class article, well calculated to soften the heart of the most irate cotton spinner and make him feel kindly towards the cotton producer. The cotton is then taken to the presses, where it is packed into bales (three Ingersoll presses, having in all a capacity of fifty bales per day, being used for the purpose), and is ready for shipment. The machinery is driven by one of Otto's noiseless gas engines of seven-horse power, and about fifty men and women are employed in the work. The Novelty Works are well worth a visit.

Concert.

The private soiree musicale by Mrs. H. N. Carpenter and pupils postponed last week Tuesday was given last Saturday evening in Dresser hall. Mrs. Carpenter has treated her friends to entertainments of this kind before and fully appreciating her ability they were led to expect a first class entertainment. And the expectations of the large audience present were fully realized. She was assisted by Geo. H. Mellen, reader, and Fred Rowley, violinist, which added greatly to the entertainment. The following program was rendered:

PART FIRST.

1. CHORUS.—What Phrase Sad and Soft, *Bishop.*
2. PIANO DUET.—Cora Redowa, *E. Mack.*
   MASTERS WELLS AND TULLEY.
3. The Little Ballad Singers.
   MISSES CHENEY, MARBLE, BARTHOLOMEW AND MEAGHER.
4. SONG.—Song of the Whippoorwill, *C. A. White.*
   MISS FLORA HERRON.
5. PIANO AND VIOLIN.—Melodie Swisse, *Canzonetta Napolitona Kossmann.*
   MISS JOSIE RICE AND MR. F. ROWLEY.
6. READING.—Wounded, *J. W. Watson.*
   MR. GEO. H. MELLEN.
7. DUET.—Dost thou love me, Sister Ruth, *John Parry.*
   MISS CARRIE CHENEY AND MASTER HERBERT WELLS.
8. SONG.—Schlaf wohl. Du Susser Engel Du, *Abt.*
   MRS. C. W. HILL.
9. QUARTET.—More and More, *Seifert.*
   MESSRS. CARPENTER, TULLEY, MUNROE, PLYMPTON.

PART SECOND.

1. SEMI CHORUS.—Awaking of the Birds, *J. Concone.*
   MISSES SWIFT, ELLIS, PELLET, RICHARDS, CHENEY, AND WHITFORD.
2. PIANO DUETT.—Grand Caprice Honcrois, *E. Ketterer.*
   MISSES J. F. LITCHFIELD AND MARY A. PELLET.
3. SONG.—O Fair Dove, O Fond Dove, *Alfred Scott Gatty.*
   MISS JOSIE RICE.
4. READING.—
   a. Orator Puff, - - *Thomas Moore.*
   b. Gluggity Glug, - *George Colman.*
   MR. GEO. H. MELLEN.
5. PIANO SOLO.—Reveries of the Past, *G. D. Wilson.*
   MISS JENNIE LITCHFIELD.
6. QUARTET.—Profundo Basso, *P. P. Bliss.*
   MRS. H. N. CARPENTER, MISS JOSIE RICE, MR. H. N. CARPENTER, MR. C. D. MONROE.
7. DUETT.—When Life is Brightest, *Ciro Pinsuti.*
   MRS. C. W. HILL AND MISS MABEL CHENEY.
8. SONG.—(with Violin Obligato,) Likeness of the best of Mothers, *Andre.*
   MRS. H. N. CARPENTER AND MR. FRED ROWLEY.
9. SOLO AND CHORUS.—Sweet Vale of Rest. *Perkins.*
   MISSES JENNIE SWIFT AND MARY BUTLER.

All of the exercises were of a high order and well executed, all of the performers showing a thorough understanding of the duties assigned to them. The quartet "Profundo Basso," and the solos by Mrs. Carpenter and Miss Josie Rice, were especially noticeable; the former fairly bringing down the house. At the conclusion of Mrs. Carpenter's solo a large boquet was thrown her from the audience. Feb. 7. 1880.

State Agent Martin was asked by the JOURNAL representative if he had any general suggestions, criticisms or ideas about the schools of Southbridge which it would be interesting and profitable for the people here to know. In reply he highly complimented the town on its action in employing a superintendent for he could see evidencies that the schools had got into such a condition that a superintendent was a pressing and immediate necessity in order to bring them up. He thought Mr. Harper was a good man for the place and that he had begun an excellent work. The state agent somewhat sharply criticised the buildings and their surroundings as being a discredit to the town. Dec. 11, 1885.

Opinions of Southbridge.

The celebration of the JOURNAL editor's beginning his fifteenth year of professional work, reported last week, brought to town an unusual number of distinguished people, many of whom have "written up" the festivities at considerable length. We reprint below some of their opinions of the town, omitting the personal compliments, and matters of comparatively minor interest. The *New England Farmer*, a widely circulated journal and one of the most influential agricultural and family papers, says:

The dinner was of that kind to make one wish the "branch" road could be extended so that Southbridge would be, not the terminus, but the half way stop, between Boston & New York. * * * * Southbridge is surrounded by some of the most picturesque landscapes in the state, and its citizens have given much attention to the general appearance and improvement of the village, no small share of which is due to the frequent hints and suggestions which have appeared in the columns of its enterprising local JOURNAL. Since our previous visit to the town some years ago, a marked improvement is observable, especially in the matter of dispensing with street fences in front of residences. Instead of the occasional dwelling with its lawn closely shaved to the line of travel, we now find entire streets without a single panel of inhospitable looking fence obtruding itself upon the view of the passer by.

The *Cape Ann Advertiser*, the local paper of Gloucester and the organ of the fishery industries upon which it is a recognized authority, has a very great circulation. It says:

The drive around the hills which encircle the pretty town was a revelation to most of the party, and our host could point with pride to the numerous factories, the fine residences, and the general look of thrift and prosperity abounding on every hand. We passed but did not enter the JOURNAL printing office which rejoices in a brand new coat of red paint with gilt trimmings. Cook and Dexter did enter, however, and report a neatly-arranged, well-equipped establishment.

The center of the town is mostly of substantial brick blocks, with all the modern improvements, built of Southbridge brick; and its churches and public buildings are in good taste. The largest manufactory of spectacles and eye-glasses in the world is located here, capable of turning out two dozen every minute in the day. After a couple of hours' drive the company were taken to the C. A. Dresser hotel, a model hotel for a country town, built by one of their most public-spirited citizens, and were introduced to a party of the leading business men.

The Pawtucket *Gazette and Chronicle*, a model local paper, whose excellencies are both editorial and mechanical, says:

Prior to going to the hotel the guests enjoyed a ride thorough the streets of the thriving village, and were much pleased with the evidences of thrift, industry and prosperity that greeted them on every hand. At the hotel a dinner was served by the Messrs. Parker in elaborate style.

The *Worcester Spy* needs no introduction to Southbridge people. J. S. Baldwin said:

The thriving village was admired for its cleanliness and thrift. Its beauty was the theme of all as the ride was taken through streets and over hills, from which an attractive view of the town, with the Quinebaug river making a half mile circle below, is obtained.

The *Milford Journal*, which is unexcelled as a local paper, and has a great circulation and influence in the ninth district, says:

A most excellent dinner was partaken of at the popular and well-known Dresser house, preceded by an hour's drive about the beautiful village. In the not distant past we have written of the rare beauties and natural advantages of Southbridge. If we wrote at length this time, it would be but to intensify our estimate of the town. In its garb of glorious autumnal tints its summer-time attractiveness is by no means despoiled. Oct. 1885.

Thursday evening, September fifteenth, a pleasant company gathered at he residence of *Mrs* Sarah Smith, to witness the marriage of her daughter, *Miss* Lula Smith, to Fred. Lawson. Among the company were friends from New Bedford, Providence Wisconsin and Kentucky. The happy pair departed immediately for New York, followed by the good wishes of many friends. 1881.

Dea. Henry Fiske one of the oldest citizens of the town died Monday morning. He was a man of marked integrity very highly esteemed by all. He had been in the employ of the Hamilton Woolen Company for over fifty years and a deacon of the Baptist church since 1842, having been elected at its organization. Having an extremely retiring disposition he did not make himself prominent as the world esteems prominence, and was never an aspirant for office. Yet in 1840 he was elected a member of the legislature. In the death of Dea. Fiske the town loses a good man.

The Ladies and the Clerk of the Assessors.

Our attention has been called to the following, which appeared in the *Woman's Journal* of January 3d, presumably written by some one in this town. We had been knowing to the facts since last fall, but had refrained from alluding to them for the sake of local peace. Now that the story is in print, we have no objections to reproducing it:

EDITORS JOURNAL: I notice with interest the lists of names of women who had the courage to face the curious gaze and comment which always is alloted those who are pioneers in any new undertaking. But I cannot interest others with much of a list from Southbridge. Here only two women were assessed a poll-tax; one was Mrs. F. C. Litchfield, a prominent and influential lady of culture and social standing; the other was Mrs. Allie E. Whitaker, the wife of the editor of our local paper, who conducts a column in it devoted to women's interests.

It is not the fault of the ladies here, or their lack of interest, that no more registered. About ten in all called upon the clerk of the assessors; at one time half a dozen in a body. There had been some mistake about the delivery of the printed blanks to be filled out, and the ladies had only one. Their spokesman asked him if all should sign that or if it was necessary to have each signature on a separate blank. He replied that he was very busy just then, but he would look it up and if they would come in again he would attend to their wants. They went again—one went six times—but he was always busy and put them off till another time, until the day set by law for the closing of assessments had passed. His very peculiar action suggests the thought that he was opposed to women voting, and did all in his power to prevent it. He kept the letter of the law on his side while violating the spirit of it. If he had been at all anxious that any should register they would have had ample opportunity with all information necessary. The two who obtained the enrollment of their names did it only after much trouble and persistent following up of the aforesaid clerk and demanding their rights or a valid reason why they could not have them.

To the above Lucy Stone added the following editorial comment:

"Southbridge is not the only town in Massachusetts where women went six times to be assessed, and succeeded only by dint of refusal to leave until their legal right was attained. We shall, in due time, be able to report some of these cases. But it was not all the fault of the women that more did not register."

There are about seventy ladies in town who pay a tax, and who can vote for school committee at the coming election, by registering. Quite a number are purposing to go in a body to the selectmen's office on the day which the board will advertise to be in session for revising the voting list, in order to be registered, and they would be glad to have as many as possible join with them. Ladies interested who wish to join the movement, can get fuller particulars and place themselves in communication with the committee, at the JOURNAL editorial rooms.

Graduating Exercises.

Edwards Opera house was crowded last Friday evening, the occasion being the graduating exercises of the Southbridge High School. The parts of the class were all well written and were delivered with a clearness of enunciation surpassing any similar attempts in this line. Every word could be heard to the extreme limits of the room, and were very creditable to both pupils and teacher. After an overture by Mrs. H. N. Carpenter and F. W. Rowley, prayer was offered by Rev. F. Magwire, and Miss Etta A. Chamberlin read a very happily conceived essay on "Precious stones, and how they are polished." After a short description of the mechanical details she drew a comparison between the polishing of gems and the developing and brightening of character. Charles F. Hill had a practical and manly oration on "Our National Curse," which was shown to be intemperance. Miss Minnie E. Searles and Miss Florence I. King then sang a duet, "May Bells," followed by a very thoughtful, well written oration by Geo. L. Tully, on "The choice of an Ideal." The lofty courage of Charles Sumner was particularly eulogized, but for noble purposes and lofty character no ideal approaches the example furnished by Christ. Elmer D. Chamberlain had a practical oration on "Mercantile Enterprise." He alluded to many of the characteristics of Peter Cooper and hoped that there would be no lack of other wealthy men to follow his example. A song, "My Dearest Heart," by Mrs. Carpenter followed. Ulysses A. Goodell had a finely written and admirably delivered oration on "John Brown." Miss Rosalie V. Letcher had an essay on "The Mariner's Compass," and by a happy transition spoke of the need of a sure guide in life's voyage. Her valedictory contained many graceful tributes to teachers, committee and schoolmates. The class song was then sung, after which diplomas were presented by Rev. Mr. Hayward. After a deserved tribute to his colleague, Mr. Oakes, who had been suddenly called away by the serious illness of his son, Mr. Hayward said that he feared many parents did not properly appreciate what a good education is and the best methods of securing one. The High School has gradually advanced in standard and increased in numbers, but it is to be regretted that out of the whole number of pupils only four are taking a full classical course. Appropriate allusion was made to the fine scholarship and hard labor of the retiring principal and the best of good wishes for his future success. The prediction was made that he would yet be heard from in the fields of literature. Mr. Hayward also called attention to the fact that the High School is not a professional school for the training of lawyers, doctors, or teachers, but is merely to supplement the lower grades and help give a broad foundation for what is to follow. At the conclusion of the graduating exercises the class received their friends and a very pleasant social time followed. An abundant collation was furnished, and later in the evening excellent music was furnished for dancing by the Southbridge Quadrille band, nine pieces, Sol Blanchard prompter.

Obituary.

Daniel Whitford died last Saturday morning at the age of 68 years. While for a year past his health had not been firm he had apparently been fully as strong for the last few months. It is probable that his energy and ambition in carrying out the many business enterprises in which he had always been engaged had undermined his strength and that his death was due to these causes rather than to any specified disease.

Mr. Whitford possessed to a remarkable extent all those qualities which are to be desired in a good citizen. Temperate in habits, reliable as to his word, ready to work for every question of right and full of business enterprise, he had been one of the foremost among public-spirited men. He had filled with credit the office of selectman, assessor, overseer of the poor and highway surveyor. Two of the finest buildings in town, the large business block on Main and Hamilton streets remain marks of his enterprise.

As one of the prime movers in founding the Universalist society in town he has ever since remained full of interest and work for the prosperity of the church, and has been one whom it has been customary to tax heavily, both in advisory and financial matters, and it was his custom to meet such demands cheerfully and promptly. His loss will be deeply felt in the society, and also by the general public.

The funeral from his late residence on High street was attended by a large number of people last Tuesday afternoon. The principal stores and other places of business were closed during the service.

In Memoriam.

In the recent removal by death of Miss Jennie M. Swift the circle of our young people has met with a loss which is deeply lamented. Hers was a singularly beautiful character. Of a gentle, retiring disposition, sweet and winning in her ways, to know her was but to love her. Conscientious from a little child, sincere and unaffected, she early gave her heart to the Saviour, and at the age of thirteen united with the church, thus adding to her natural graces the ornament of a Christian character, and showing in the daily life what it is to keep oneself "unspotted from the world." During her long sickness of nearly a year's duration, in which the sympathies of a host of friends went out to her, she exhibited a remarkable degree of cheerfulness and patience, together with an almost childlike trust and submission to her Heavenly Father, and when at last the end drew near it was granted to her, even before the spirit took its departure, to see and hear unspeakable things and full of glory; thus assuring us that "the streets of heaven have their openings on earth,"

"Like a cloud that floats away,
Like the early morning dew.
Here the fairest things decay;
There, are pleasures ever new,
Only joy the heart will know
In the land to which we go."

Apr. 1883. COR

Concert.

A goodly sized and appreciative audience listened to the following program at Union church last evening:

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PART FIRST.

Polonaise, Op. 22. - - - Chopin
Mrs. Crawford.
Legegende, Violin - - Wieniawski
Miss Minnie Crawford.
Serenade, Violin Obligato. - Schubert
Mrs. Carpenter.
Ballade, Op. 47. - - Chopin
Mrs. Crawford.
First Concerto. - - - DeBeriot
Miss Minnie Crawford.
"Bedouin Love Song." - Pinsuti
Mrs. Carpenter.

PART SECOND.

Organ Preludio. - - - Rink
Mrs. Crawford.
Cavatina, Violin, (Organ accompaniment).
Miss Minnie Crawford.
Pastorale, Organ. - - - Bach
Mrs. Crawford.
"The Lost Chord," (by request.) Sullivan
Mrs. Carpenter.
Organ Postludio. - Mendelssohn
Mrs. Crawford.

The different numbers were rendered in a skillful manner, to the eminent credit of the accomplished artists, Mrs. and Miss Crawford and Mrs. Carpenter. Miss C. received an encore.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1886.

Deferred from last week.

A DAY AT MILFORD.

The spring meeting of the Worcester county teachers' convention was held at Milford on Saturday last, with an attendance of 300 or more. A delightful day, a most excellent program and royal entertainment by the good people of Milford, none of the requisites for a combination of recreation and profit were wanting. Thirty minutes between trains at Franklin gave an opportunity to see the work of the fire on Wednesday night, or rather Thursday morning of last week. Hose that was too short, hose that was rotten, and water works not in readiness for an emergency—the reasons assigned why the fire was not got under control—embody what should be a valuable lesson to all in such matters. The loss of the beautiful Universalist church, built at a cost of some $35,000, is especially to be regretted.

The exercises of the convention were of a high order. There were papers on, "An Industrial Exhibition," "Elocution," "Language Teaching," "Alcohol," "Language and Grammar," and an address by Alice E. Freeman, Ph. D., president of Wellesley college on, "Why Girls Should go to College." The address was in Miss Freeman's usual fervid style. Who the girl is, and what the college is, should both be considered in deciding the question. Not all girls should go to college. Intellectual and moral culture, with consequent elevation of character and beneficent influence are the chief reasons for going to college. The college should train them to be women and not scholars merely. It is evident that Miss Freeman confidently believes that such girls as she is training are to be the salvation of the country. The country, however, is a number of leagues farther from the brink of ruin than she supposes.

The paper on "Language and Grammar," by R. C. Metcalf, one of the Boston supervisors, was a most admirable and practical one, of itself well worth the journey to Milford. He showed, in an admirably clear and satisfactory manner, how to teach technical grammar, which, he said, should not be taken up till the child has been seven or eight years in school. It should be taught orally, and exercises in false syntax should be avoided. In the earlier years, the drill should be in the use of language, using much supplementary reading. Answers should be required in complete sentences, and there should be a great deal of writing. The teacher, however, should not connect all the mistakes on papers, one or two corrected and discussed before the class is sufficient.

The convention was splendidly entertained by the Milford teachers and citizens. A bountiful collation being spread in Washington hall, which contributed materially to make the day a pleasant one.

The secretary of the National Educational association, W. E. Sheldon of Boston, was present and urged attendance at the annual meeting at Topeka, in July, and on behalf of 300 cow-boys, whom he had recently addressed in Western Kansas, he extended a special invitation to the young ladies of the convention to be present. Of these cow-boys, who were mostly from the Eastern states, 28 were college graduates, including four graduates of Harvard. In connection with this meeting, the round trip to California can be made for $89.

In conversation with one of the business men of Milford, he claimed that the town had already gained as much in population as was lost by the setting off of Hopedale, that they had a contract to supply the granite for a $3,000,000 building at Pittsburg, had a new shoe factory employing 400 hands, and another one in prospect, and with their business men's association, now numbering 150 members, they could "start almost anything." But all this seemed not to mollify in the least his feeling toward Hopedale. If "time heals all wounds," I fear it will take time to heal that one. W. HARPER.

Feb. 1884

Miss Gertie Gould of Boston, a little miss of fourteen years, appeared at the Edwards Opera house skating rink on Wednesday evening, impersonating Minnehaha, the Indian maiden, on the little rollers. Although the weather was anything but pleasant, she was greeted with a large and enthusiastic audience. Her trick and fancy skating was of the best, and her costume and impersonation of the Indian maiden was complete. Miss Gould received many compliments for her ladylike and modest department while here, and should she appear here again would be greeted by a still larger audience.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Death of Mr. E. P. Lewis.

The death, at his home in Globe Village, of Mr. E. P. Lewis is an event sincerely mourned by his many friends. He died on Saturday morning after only a brief illness.

The tribute of the community to his memory is the universal testimony that he was a man of sterling integrity, whom no one rises to accuse of doing him a wrong, but whom many remember for his kindly sympathy and his generous help when they were in need.

Mr. Lewis was a native of Montpelier, Vt. He came to Southbridge in 1852, and has since resided here; a few years at the center, but most of the time at Globe Village.

As a business man, he was widely known in the village and thoroughly esteemed. Never officious; his customers yet came to feel that, in dealing with them, he was seeking their welfare as much as he was trying to make a trade; and they felt so because it was true, not because he labored to make such an impression.

By his friends and neighbors the loss will be sincerely regretted, for, though modest and retiring, they all knew his warm heart, and that he had only to learn their need of help or sympathy to tender it. Some traits of his character will be seen when it is said that children loved to cling around him; and that to the last he remembered with affection his own childhood days and his early friends. He was, too, a lover of beautiful things of nature, taking delight in seeing flowers and trees, and beautiful or curious stones. In matters where calm and deliberate judgment was needed his friends referred to him as one whose opinion was of right. Having excellent control over himself, he was yet most considerate of the foibles of others, as is shown by the testimony of one of his workmen: "I have worked for him ten years, and he never spoke a harsh word to me."

This is not the record of a great life. Mr. Lewis did nothing that will give him a place in the public annals; but in his sphere as a private citizen he was a good man, faithful to every trust reposed in him. In times when there is so much of show and pretension, when men fondly think themselves great according to their display, the lesson of such an unpretending but worthy life should not go unheeded.

The following cut from the Providence *Journal* may be of interest to our readers who remember "Cap," formerly owned by E. L. Spencer. He died in Warren, R. I., Jan. 20, aged 13 years. " 'Old Cap,' " is dead. This announcement will awaken feelings of regret in the minds of hundreds who knew the kind and faithful old dog, and who have been accustomed to see him daily in our streets, as, with a kind of ministerial air, he made his morning visits to the post office, or on other occasions marched up and down the sidewalks as if 'monarch of all he surveyed.' He was very intelligent, kind and affectionate, and appreciated kindness in others. For some time 'Old Cap's' gait has been observed to be indicative of advanced age. His decline was rather gradual, until wearied with life he sought a quiet place and laid him down to die. A considerate burial was accorded him by the kind family. Peace to the ashes of 'Cap,' the old St. Bernard!" Feb. 8 1884

Quite a number of diners-out were disturbed while at dinner in the early part of the week. The *menu* had been but partially discussed when it was hastily decided to omit the dessert. However they live to laugh and quote that "a miss is as good as a mile." 1884

Personal.

J. B. Plante has returned from his trip to Canada.

Miss Idella Brewster has returned from her vacation.

Mrs. John Edwards will spend two weeks at Newport, Vt.

Fred. Lunt is spending his vacation with Rev. Frank Magwire.

Miss Ida Plimpton is spending a few weeks in Springfield and Palmer.

J. M. Cochran was one of the memorial day speakers at Suncock, N. H.

W. H. Eccleston has been enjoying the breezes down Narragansett Bay.

Lawyer Haggerty starts today for a two weeks' rest at Squirrel Island, Me.

President Hyde of Bowdoin college and his wife were in town Wednesday.

Charles W. Mills is spending his vacation at Newport and Block Island.

Rev. Fr. Kremmen and a party of friends spent Wednesday at the Point of Pines.

Marcus Dillaber played with the Grosvenordale nine last Saturday at Wauregan.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bradford of Hannibal, Missouri, have been visiting in this town and Dudley.

Mrs H. K. Bugbee and two daughters from Williamstown, N. J., are visiting at Wm. J. Keith's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Weld have gone on a Raymond excursion to Mauch Chunk, Niagara and Montreal.

Mrs. Geo. W. Faulkner and daughter Lulah are spending a fortnight at the sea side near Narragansett Bay.

Jesse Comstock of Boscobel, Wis., a former resident of Southbridge, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Fred Newberry.

Fred Morse Smith, of the Harvard Divinity school, preached Sunday, July 26, at the Rocky Hill Methodist churches, Hartford.

Mrs. J. C. Black, wife of Gen. Black commissioner of pensions, is visiting in town, the guest of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Dresser.

Mrs. Wm. O'Mara, formerly of this town, fell from a window in her house in North Adams the 10th, receiving probably fatal injuries.

Among recent arrivals at the Dresser house this week are Wm. Beecher, W. N. Coggeswell of Rochester, N. Y., Mrs. Bowker, child and nurse of New York city, Miss Husted of Hyde Park, James M. Ripley of Providence.

Weekly Payments.

The paymaster on the Boston and Albany railroad is reported to say that the weekly payment plan meets with considerable unfavorable criticism from employees. Some of the hands say they had satisfactory arrangements for paying their bills monthly, and that, under the new rule, they can not get credit as before and have to buy their family supplies in simaller qualities, which works to their disadvantage. From many other sources comes the opinion that it will take a long and thorough trial before the benefits of the system shall be proved and the value to the working man demonstrated. A revolution in long established habits must necessarily cause some confusion and many a dear lesson must be learned by experience. In this town the majority of the merchants and many of the heads of families do not like weekly payments; that is, those who buy and sell the staple articles of food, clothing and fuel are not pleased by the change but the dealer in small wares and the careless spendthrift readily finds circulation for the small sums which seem but a little and bring but a little at the years end in the manner that they are trifled away. There are people living in town who can remember when payments were made yearly by the Hamilton Woolen Company who followed the custom of of other corporations at that time. It is related that there were families who did not handle a piece of money which they had earned during the year. Orders were drawn for the store in which were kept everything in the line of food and clothes; it was the same with medical attendance and other necessary expenses. There were no conveniences and therefore inducements to travel were few and minor expenses counted but little. At this time thirteen hours made a days work. Pay day was then made semi-annual and shortly afterwards once in three months. This was soon followed by shorter hours and monthly payments which have continued a long period of years until "the fifteenth" has become a household word. The merchants made good collections at that date, it was a timely occasion to present a bill and although many an extravagance may have been committed while the flush of pay day lasted, it also gave the thrifty householder an opportunity to make large purchases like coal, flour, winter clothing etc; and in a pinch he had the unpaid wages to draw from. July 86,

How to Interest the Young in the Sunday School.

The following is the essay read by J. Edward Clemence of this town, at the Sunday school convention last week:

An old recipe that has come down from our grandmothers says, "the way to cook a hare is first to catch the hare." In like manner, the way to interest the young people in Sunday school work is first, catch and try to interest them. Only a small percent of our young people are found in the Sunday schools.

What are the causes that have led to this condition? In the early days of New England young people went to church because they wanted to go, and because their elders wanted them to go. In those early times places were few where people could visit, and the "meeting house" was a place where the social nature, as well as the spiritual, was cultivated. As the state has increased in population, other places have usurped the place thus occupied by the church and Sunday school.

Again, children then did not go to Sunday school when they felt like it, and stay away when they felt that way. Perhaps our fore-fathers erred in compelling their children to go instead of occasionally drawing them by attractions that could easily have been presented; but there is little danger of the fathers of the rising generations making errors by being too positive in requiring their children to attend Sunday school.

I believe in our christian civilization, and I believe each age is on a higher plane than its predecessor; but in the progress of a stream there are many eddies in the current, and perhaps we are now in one of them. We all remember the great civil war our country passed through; the great object for which the nation contended has been secured, but a multitude of lesser evils that were overshadowed by the great question of the time, has remained unchanged. In the hour of its necessity the government issued notes on credit, and was a long time in resuming a solid basis. During that time, fortunes were made rapidly, and people longed to live without much work. These causes have kept at work, and fast living, (that is, living beyond means) is at present one of the greatest evils of the age; fast living in temporal things has produced fast living in spiritual affairs, and we have let go the old-fashioned way of each finding for himself scriptural truths and hope by a lucky strike to get bible information at wholesale and take a foremost rank. This carelessness to pay debts has acted as an opiate on moral endeavors.

Most people like to have their children go to Sunday school; and from infancy to the age of fifteen, there is no difficulty in getting them to attend; but many grow so wise and to know so much that they graduate, lest they should know too much about bible history. But it is not flattering to a teacher to reflect that as soon as a scholar dares he will stay away. Certainly there is information enough in the lesson, and if a teacher has genius for his work, he will make his class so interested they will regret the hour is over instead of fidgeting for the close to come.

How can a greater attendance be secured? In various ways. Young people and other people also, can be reached quicker by saying come, rather than go. Personal invitation is a good way, and this sort of work does not belong altogether to the teacher. Suppose there are ten scholars in a class; if others would come when invited, if the work was left to the teacher, he would have to make ten times the exertion to see them all that he would if all pulled together. If this and various other little ways are of no avail, we must wait, as the causes have been long growing that have led to this apathy; the remedy will have to be applied many times before the results will satisfy us. Now what shall be done in this class? I have seen teachers in other schools, simply ask the printed questions and shut their books and say no more about the lesson, and I don't blame those scholars for not taking much interest in what they heard. Young people are sharp, and if a teacher does not know his lesson they will find it out, and he will be more respected by them to say so, than to go on oh cheek; but once is enough for that kind of an excuse. The boys and girls will infer with some reason, that if the lesson is not of enough importance for the teacher to study, it is not worth while for them to bother their heads about it. And the teacher should be early in his place, not late; and instead of asking some one near him where the place is, have it already found. Endeavor to study and talk about the whole truth of the lesson. If the lesson should be about Jacob, tell the scholars frankly that Jacob did not obtain the blessing of the Almighty because he cunningly played a trick on his blind old father, but because he had other and nobler qualities that were necessary in him who was to occupy that place in the developement of a great nation, where the trunk divides into its many branches. Jacob told Pharaoh "few and evil have the days of my life been!" and this was the punishment for his sin.

Bible history does not give us its heroes as they might have been, but as they were. When Sampson followed his better impulses he was more mighty than a host; but, alas! how often his feet strayed and he was helpless, because he wandered away from the source of his strength, which was on high. Later on see David, whom the bible says was a man after God's own heart. Does it? Now I have heard that quotation followed by a recital of all the sins that the great king committed. Look carefully. The bible says that, "In his youth, David was a man after God's own heart," and that was before the deeds of his latter years. Occasionally ask your scholars if they were placed in the same position of any of these braves, how much better they think they would have done.

Finally, show how all the different parts of the bible converge on the lowly Galilean; how each element of strength and beauty that are found separately, one here and another there, are all found in Him who took on the form of our humanity, was subject to the same passions as we are, yet resisted them all and remained without sin, and laid down his life that we might live. Then ask your scholars if they would not rather live with such a Redeemer than to live in separation from him. And by this time do you not think scholars will be interested.

THE town of Southbridge has to pay for County taxes, as just apportioned the sum of $2,854 07; Sturbridge, $1043,77; Webster, $2283.25; Dudley, $962,23; Douglas, $864,37; Oxford, $1402.57; Charlton, $913,30; Sutton, $1337,34. City of Worcester $46,495.85. Jan. 1879.

Death of Joshua Ballard. 4-27-88

Death has removed during the past week another old resident of the town, and one who has been very prominently identified with it for many years. Joshua Ballard came to Southbridge in June, 1846, to take the agency of the Hamilton Woolen Company. He resided here till April, 1865, doing much to render the company prosperous, and an important factor in the town's development. He then went to Boston, having been promoted to the treasurership of the corporation, residing at Newton. Last Saturday he was at his office as usual. Sunday he complained of feeling unwell and summoned a physician, who pronounced him suffering from an attack of bilious colic. He passed a fairly comfortable night and arose about five Monday morning, but soon went back to bed again. At six was found to be dead.

The funeral took place Wednesday, being attended by Agent Patterson and Superintendent Hall from this town. During the time of the funeral the mill bell was tolled and the stores in that part of the town were closed. The remains were interred in the family lot in Andover.

A more extended notice of Mr. Ballard's characteristics which a gentleman intimately associated for years with the deceased had at our request promised to prepare, has not been received in time for this issue.

Among the Churches.

The Union association of Universalists holds a conference in the Universalist church next Wednesday and Thursday. At 7:30 p. m. Rev. B. F. Bowles, a former successful pastor of the Southbridge Universalist society, and a man of much ability as a pulpit orator, will preach a sermon. It will be upon a subject interesting not only to people of his way of thinking but to people in general. At 9 o'clock Thursday morning Rev. O. I. Darling of Warren leads the prayer and conference meeting. At 10 Rev. E. A. Perry of Palmer delivers an address on "The advantages of church membership." At 2 o'clock Rev. I. Holmes makes an address on "The present outlook of our faith," and at 7:30 p. m. Rev. M. H. Harris of Worcester will preach. All are invited; and it is expected that the entire services will be of more than ordinary interest. May 20, 1885

Mrs. Eliza Bartlett, a former resident but now of Worcester, has been in town the past week.

THE C. A. DRESSER HOUSE.

Globe, Oct. 1, 1882.

Festivities at the Opening of the New Southbridge Hotel.

The C. A. Dresser House, the elegant hotel which during its erection has been a source of pride to the rapidly growing town of Southbridge, was formally opened last evening. The opening exercises were attended by the Southbridge towns-people *en masse*, and by a number of distinguished visitors from abroad, and the hotel was thrown open with the most favorable auspices.

The house, a substantial, yet graceful building of three stories, with basement and French roof, is of fine brick, trimmed with granite, and from its central location, on the corner of Main and Central streets, presents a most attractive appearance, and must ever be regarded as a credit to both its owner and to the town. The four large and nicely arranged stores, in the basement and on the first floor of the building, have already been occupied by firms, who show, in the spirit of their business, an appreciation of the commodious quarters they occupy.

The many pleasing features of the building's architectural design are fully sustained by the perfection and taste of its internal arrangements. Finished and furnished in a style in keeping with its aim to be a first-class, modern hotel, the house has been provided with every needed fixture, and has been decorated in all its minor details with elegance and taste. The entire house is heated by steam, and is protected by an efficient fire extinguishing apparatus, having attachments on every floor. Nothing has been left undone which could insure the comfort and pleasure of its guests, or serve to render it a complete public house, which its cost, nearly $80,000, entitles it to be considered.

The exercises of the opening were begun about nine o'clock, when the party assembled in the pleasant dining halls, and after grace had been said by Rev. F. A. Warfield, paid a flattering tribute of appreciation to the merits of an excellent and varied bill of fare. After an hour had been passed in devotion to the finely served supper, and in social table chit-chat, the tables were cleared and the party called to order by the President of the evening, Mr. S. C. Hartwell, M. D., who delivered a happy address of welcome.

Dr. Hartwell spoke of the reasons for congratulation, not only because of the beautiful house in which the company had assembled, but in view of the enterprise which had given rise to the project, and the energy which had carried it through to so successful a completion. With remarks upon the poetry and dignity of labor, Mr. Hartwell referred to the building and completion of the house as the culmination of a life of labor, a life by starlight. The speaker claimed that Southbridge had always found a man for every need, and expressed his pride in the noble building thus auspiciously opened. In closing he called upon Mr. G. H. Hartwell to offer the first sentiment of the evening.

In giving the toast, "The House that Chester built," Mr. Hartwell presented to Mr. C. A. Dresser a heavy gold-headed cane, as a token of the golden opinions and hearty good wishes of his many friends Mr. Dresser responded to the sentiment, and to the gift, in a happily delivered speech of thanks, closing with an expression of his hope that the house bearing his name might ever be a prosperous and pleasant hotel.

In reply to a toast in compliment to the city of Worcester, a letter was read from Hon. Alex. H. Bullock containing his trust that the house would be "well opened, well kept, and well rewarded." Congratulatory letters were also read, from Hon. Henry Chapin and ex-Gov. Emory Washburn, wishing unqualified success to all present and to the enterprise.

The next sentiment, "The Heart of the Commonwealth," received a response from Hon. Clark Jillson, who read a short poem, which was most enthusiastically received, its local hits at some one who kept a large stock of

> "drugs,
> All standing in rows, in bottles and jugs,
> Which were needed by men but were death to the bugs,

gave rise to much laughter and applause, which continued long after his parting advice to all,

> Never stand in fear of death,
> But buy a plaster to draw your last breath.

Three pleasant speeches were made in reply to sentiments complimentary to the clergy, by Rev. Messrs. B. F. Bronson, F. A. Warfield, and F. C. Flint. The first spoke happily of those good old houses, where

> "there used to be
> True hearted hospitality."

Mr. Flint paid a high, yet deserved tribute to the Southbridge ladies, and Mr. Warfield spoke of his pleasure in knowing that the house was to be a temperance house, really and truly.

Conductor E. Metcalf replied to "The Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad," and Mr. Sylvester Dresser, to "The tall men of Southbridge." Both expressed congratulations in view of the past successes of the hotel project, and hopes for their continuance in the future. A toast in honor of Dr. Samuel Hartwell was responded to by that gentleman, who was received with flattering applause, which was often repeated during his remarks, in reward for the many pleasing anecdotes with which they abounded.

A letter of congratulation from Hon. Holmes Ammidown, of New York, a gentleman whose magnificent gift to the town, of its public library building, is ever in the minds and hearts of the citizens of Southbridge, had been received, and it is to be published in the local paper. The letter contains an historical sketch of the site of the present house, and will prove of great interest to many.

Providence and Webster were both toasted, Mr. Samuel Foster responding for the former, and Mr. Lyman Sheldon speaking in reply to the second sentiment.

A very pithy response to the following: "The youngest chicken in the brood of the Law," was given by J. M. Cochran, and Mr. Frank Merrit replied quite pleasantly to a toast referring to "The merit of a bachelor's life." In reply to a sentiment complimenting him, Mr. E. M. Cole read a short poem, written in a very taking style, which was favorably received.

At about eleven o'clock the supper party broke up, singing that "always old, yet ever new" song of parting, "Auld Lang Syne."

As soon as the dinner hall could be cleared for dancing, a large number joined in that much loved amusement, the music for which was furnished by Brown & Reeves' Orchestra, of Providence, who continued throughout the evening to merit the compliments which they had received for their selections previous to and during the supper. Much of the pleasure of the dancing was due to the kindness and courtesy of the Arrangements committee, Messrs. W. Edwards, G. H. Hartwell and C. A. Paige, who with the Reception committee, Messrs. Frank Grant, E. A. Gleason, C. D. Paige and S. K. Edwards, are deserving of many thanks for the perfection with which their various duties were performed.

The "mystic mazes" were indulged in by a large number, and the party indeed realized that

> "Too soon the happy hours do flee away
> Where Music rules, and Pleasure holds her sway."

for it was past three before the prompter's last call was heard, and with many a cordial good morning, "the house that Chester built," was left, with feelings of regret, rather than weariness, to be remembered as the scene of one of *the* parties of Southbridge.

The following is the statement of the Mutual Gas Light company as filed with the secretary of state:

Treasurer, Samuel S. Perry; fixed capital $15.000, capital paid in $15,000. Assetts—Real estate $5.515, personal estate $1,980, main and sewer pipe $6,295, cash and debts receivable $1,112, manufactures $740; total $15,374. Liabilities—Capital stock $15,000, profit and loss $374; total $15,374. July 1881

At the national bank meeting the following officers were elected: Directors, Jacob Edwards of Boston, R. H. Cole, Manning Leonard, C. A. Paige, John O. McKinstry, C. D. Paige, F. L. Chapin of Southbridge; president, Jacob Edwards; vice-president, Robert H. Cole. Jan. 11 1884

Caucus.

The republicans held a caucus Tuesday evening, at the town hall, with John M. Cochran, chairman; Winfield Scott Kilton, secretary; Sylvester Dresser, Charles Hyde, A. F. Luther, L. D. Clemence and C. V. Carpenter were appointed a committee to report a list of delegates for the several conventions, and reported:

State—C. D. Paige, F. L. Chapin, A. W. Martin.

Congressional—A. J. Bartholomew, H. C. Wells, Geo. L. Clemence.

County—John M. Cochran, S. Dresser, Samuel S. Perry.

Councilor—F. B. Howe, E. C. Ellis, G. A. Cheney.

Senatorial—Thomas Sanders, John O. McKinstry, Geo. M. Whitaker, Jacob Booth, L. D. Clemence.

Representatives—Charles S. Edmunds, Julius S. Gleason, Wm. H. Clark, George S. Stone, H. C. Cady, L. Wesley Curtis, C. T. Carpenter.

C. D. Paige, Geo. L. Winter, F. L. Chapin, Herbert Litchfield, John E. Clemence were appointed a committee to report officers for the Blaine and Logan club, and reported:

President—A. J. Bartholomew.
Vice-President—John O. McKinstry.
Secretary—B. U. Bugbee.
Treasurer—L. D. Clemence.
Executive Committee—F. B. Howe, Herbert Beecher, Charles E. Cook, George L. Clemence, C. W. Hill, Fred Newbury.

The town committee is John M. Cochran, C. D. Paige, Geo. W. Corey, Charles Hyde, B. U. Bugbee, L. D. Clemence, Thomas Sanders.

The meeting was well attended, and a good feeling prevailed. Spirited remarks were made by J. M. Cochran on taking the chair, by A. J. Bartholomew on election to the presidency of the campaign club, and by Dr. Lamson Allen.

Forty Years Ago

Today was an important one for Southbridge. It was the opening of the log-cabin presidential campaign in which Harrison and Tyler were elected. There was a mass meeting in Worcester and Southbridge was represented by three monster cabins on wheels drawn by long teams of horses. The largest cabin was prepared under direction of Samuel Fisk, then agent of the Hamilton Woolen company, and conveyed 116 persons; the others were smaller and carried 40 each. It was conceded in Worcester that the display from Southbridge exceeded that of all the other towns in the county. The older people of the town even now take great pride in referring to that event.

Mrs. Carpenter's Ruth scored a grand artistic success last evening, although the audience was reduced by the severe storm. More next week.

It has been no uncommon sight this winter to see a large sleigh crowded full of children driving about the streets. Frank Ryan is the philanthropist to whom the children are indebted for this treat.

At the Good Samaritan meeting Tuesday evening the exercises consisted of a reading by Wilfred J. Litchfield, remarks by Rev. F. Magwire and F. O. Letcher, and singing. A good program is promised for next Tuesday evening.

The committee of arrangements of the social of Quinebaug lodge F. and A. M. offer thanks to Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, Miss Carrie Stone, Miss Josie Rice and Dr. S. S. Silva for their kind assistance at their entertainment. The committee feel that especial thanks are due to Miss Adelia Moncrief of Boston through whose generosity they were enabled to give so unique an entertainment. The general opinion prevails that a brilliant future awaits the young lady.

The lawn party tendered by Mrs. L. M. Litchfield to her grand-daughter, Edna B. Litchfield, on her thirteenth birthday, Wednesday afternoon, will long be remembered by the little folks present. About thirty of Miss Edna's young relatives were there, who amused themselves in games, and ending the celebration with a fine collation upon the lawn under the wide spreading maples.

Basset's "Yankee Singin Skewl," the finest character entertainment now on the stage, is to be given in Edwards Opera house on Monday and Tuesday evenings, Feb. 22 and 23, under the auspices of the young ladies of the Congregational society. The "Singin Skewl" is a comic representation of a rustic New England singing school, as it existed one hundred years ago; the days when our great-grandmothers took their "taller dips" and "buckwheat notes," and went to "skewl meetin." This "publick rehearsale" took place in an old-fashioned kitchen, where fifty lads and lasses, dressed in the picturesque costumes of those good old days, render "musick of ye olden tyme." Dame Basset personates the "Yankee skewl marm," introducing favorite ballads of by-gone days. Jedediah Basset completes this old-time picture by personating "the dunce," the great, green, bashful simpleton, the butt of all good-natured fun. The Bassets will be assisted by a local chorus of forty or fifty voices.

Among the Churches.

The Congregationalists will worship in the town hall while the new church is building.

Next Sabbath will be observed as floral or children's Sunday at the Universalist church. There will be an appropriate sermon in the morning and a concert by the Sunday school at 6:30 in the evening. The church will be decorated and the choir will make more than ordinary exertions for a fine program.

At the Congregational church last Sabbath morning there were services appropriate to the occasion it being the last days use of the old building. A report of the exercises may be found on the first page. The sixty-second anniversary of the Sabbath school was held in the evening. The superintendent's report spoke of the school as in a very flourishing condition, with an increase in the average attendence. The number of enrolled members is 223; among the fruits of the years work are forty hopeful conversions. The report contained many excellent suggestions.

The pastor, Rev. Joseph Danielson, after a historical review of the origin of Sabbath schools generally, stated that the first Sabbath school in Massachusetts was in the town of Beverly, in 1810. The date of this school goes back to 1822. The starting of the school was probably due more to Oscar P. Morse than to any other person. A Sabbath school society was organized in 1834. The school was under the management of this society for thirty-one years. Great credit was also due to Albert E. Swift (who was for several years secretary and afterwards superintendent) for his energy and faithfulness in making annual reports of the condition of the school. The address, which contained many other historical allusions, closed with grateful mention of the fact that during the last year, as in many years of its previous history, the school had been a "nursey of the church" in the conversion of souls.

The people, particularly the younger portion, are constantly learning more and more the uses of the Public Library. Special efforts are made by the librarian to teach young people how and what to read. In some places the mothers ask for advice in regard to the reading that is best for their boys and girls, and such information is cheerfully given here. A librarian constantly among the books, knows the resources of the library and is therefore more competent to advise than any one else, no matter how well educated.

Suicide of F. W. Botham.

A shock of horror ran through the community about quarter before seven Wednesday evening as it was whispered from mouth to mouth that 'Squire Botham had shot himself. He borrowed a revolver only a few minutes before doing the deed of self destruction, and went to Jas. A. King's store and called for enough cartridges to charge the chambers. Mr. Putney who was in attendance, refused to sell him so small a number and he took a whole box. Mr. Botham did not understand the use of a revolver and asked many questions about loading and fireing, and the penetrating power of the ball. He then went home carrying the revolver in his hands. One person who saw him, little suspecting the truth, remarked jocosly that he wondered if the 'Squire was going to shoot himself. On reaching the home he bid his wife good by and said that he was going down cellar to shoot himself. He then descended to the cellar, removed his coat and vest, sat down, took out his false teeth, placed the revolver probably in his open mouth, and in an instant was no more.

The ball entered the roof of the mouth, through the center of the hard palate, and lodged in the brain.

Edgar M. Phillips was passing at the time and was called in by Mrs. Botham. She had tried in vain to keep Mr. B. from going down stairs, but had been deterred from following him by the strange expression on his face. Mr. Phillips, accompanied by Mr. Conant, entered the cellar and found the prostrate form as described above. Dr. Bradford was summoned, but life was extinct.

The revolver was borrowed of Mr Harthan of the firm of Comstock & Harthan, whose store is under Mr. Botham's office. He frequently stepped into the store on his way to and from his office. Wednesday afternoon he sauntered in in his usual way and asked for the loan of a revolver to shoot some rats. His request was readily granted. He had previously tried to borrow a gun of F. B. Howe.

Mr. Botham was born in 1811. His father was a lawyer in Charlton, who afterwards moved to the poll parish known as Honest town. The son took the profession of his father and began practice in Douglas, being admitted to the bar in 1835. He married Almira Keith of Thompson, a sister of Wm. J. Keith now of this town. Afterwards he removed to Southbridge. He was not ambitious to push himself into prominence politically, and hence held few offices. He was overseer of the poor for several years. He was appointed a special justice of the first district court of Southern Worcester, on its institution in 1871.

Mr. Botham was a man of some eccentricities, but his habits were correct and his voice was ever for good order and morality. He was very positive and independent in all of his convictions a keen observer and very attentive to business.

It is evident that he had been contemplating self-destruction for several days at least. He expressed his watch to his son Wednesday morning.

The only cause assigned for his act is that he was in a condition of despondency caused by business troubles. He leaves a wife and one son, Frederick C. Another son was drowned in Roch, ester, N. Y., some two years since.

The funeral services will take place at his late residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Apr. 11. 18 3.

The late A. F. Botham.

We learn the following additional facts relative to the drowning of A. F. Botham from the Nunda, N. Y., *News*: The associate with Botham in the boat escaped by swimming to a rock and reached the shore, while Botham floated down stream and the body was recovered about a quarter of a mile below where the accident happened. The affair created much sensation there, and the river bank was lined by hundreds all day Sunday, while large numbers were engaged in dragging the river.

The suspicion of foul play was excited by finding nothing of value on the person of the drowned man when it was taken from the water, and there were many rumors in regard to the finding of the body and rifling it of valuables and returning it to the water before it was taken out by Mr. De Garmo and others on Monday. It was stated that an arrest had been made, but this was unfounded. After careful enquiry and a further search there seems, says the *News*, to be less ground for suspicion that any crime has been committed, and while there are some mysterious circumstances about the case it is quite probable that they will be made clear when all the facts are known. It is now stated that he had no watch and wore no shirt studs and that his sleeve buttons were found among his effects. His ring might have slipped off his finger and the many unfounded rumors led people to suspect foul play. May 18 79.

The community were startled by the announcement on the street at the hour of 6:30 last evening that 'Squire Botham was dead, and in a few moments this sad intelligence was confirmed, with the added fact that he had taken his own life with a pistol. Dr. S. C. Hartwell, medical examiner, not being in town at the time, Samuel Williams took charge of the remains until Dr. H. returns from Boston to make the legal and necessary examination and inquiry into the cause and manner of death. We have been able to learn that the act of self-destruction was one that the deceased had contemplated for some time—a week, at least. Of course at such a time there are various rumors put in motion which will pass away and leave the bare facts for recording, but the surmises will still exist in the minds of many. While we have a full share of these which we might add to these statements of the event which we regret to have the necessity of recording, still we know our columns are the place where many will look for the truth, therefore we will not go into more than a brief mention of him whose sorrows and sensitive nature was such as to dash him over the brink. The act was committed in the cellar of his house on Dresser street. He went down stairs, removed his coat and vest, laid them on a pile of wood, stepped back a few steps, seated himself on the threshold of a doorway, then taking out both sets of false teeth and laying them by his side, placed the muzzle of the pistol in his mouth and fired. The shot went upward, and the leaden messenger of death entered the brain behind the left eye and there remained. His death was instantaneous. Of the man as he was we say this: Frederick Whiting Botham, the youngest son of Frederick Whiting Bottom and Celestina Winslow, was born in Charlton in the year 1811; married Almira Keith, of Thompson, Conn.; commenced the practice of law in Douglas, and afterwards removed to Southbridge, where he continued his profession till the hour of his death. During all his life here he had maintained a position of respectability as a lawyer, a gentleman, and a citizen. For years past, and at the time of his decease, he was one of the special justices of the First District Court of Southern Worcester. As a father he was ever proud and ready to assist his sons. The loss of his son Aleck by accidental drowning when on the threshold of success was a great blow to him, from which he never fully recovered. His surviving widow and son have the heartfelt and deep sympathy of the whole community in their bereavement. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2 o'clock at the residence of the deceased.

Obituary.

Mrs. Almira H. Botham widow of F. W. Botham, was born in Thompson Conn., and died in Southbridge, May 27, 1884, where she resided 40 years.

She was devotedly attached to her family and untiring in her efforts to promote the happiness of all.

In the hour of trial she was calm and firm, inspiring those around her with the fortitude which she possessed.

Being uniformly cheerful, she found many friends and often threw sunshine into the path of those with whom she came in contact.

She had the rare faculty of ignoring the faults of her friends and appreciating their virtues.

Though we can not again enjoy her presence on earth, memories of her will long be cherished by those who enjoyed her friendship.

A FRIEND.

We were favored today with a call from B. E. B. Botham, Esq., the first publisher of a paper in Southbridge. By the way this is the semi-centennial year of journalism in this town. mar. 78.

June 19 Temperance, 1886.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WORCESTER CENTRAL DISTRICT TEMPERANCE UNION.

This meeting was held in the Methodist church in this town last Thursday. The president being absent the chair was occupied by the Vice-President, Dea. E. H. Hutchinson, of Sutton and A W. Putnam of Sutton was secretary.

The reports from the towns gave a very good showing in the progress of the cause during the last six months. For Oxford, Rev. Geo. B. Frost of the Congregational church said the results of the no license vote, 5 to 1, were unusually favorable beyond expectation in the improvement there. Rev. Mr. Easterbrook of this town reported Southbridge as working under a vote for license, but the friends of temperance were doing what they could to keep those licensed within the limits of the law. For Webster, Cyrus Spaulding said they were holding temperance meetings, and doing what they could to counteract the license vote. Remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Tingley of Dudley, Rev. Mr. Danielson, of this town, C. W. Felt of Northboro, C. A. Wall of Worcester, and others. A very favorable representation was made of the progress and present situation of the cause in Worcester since the large no-license vote last December. The first month of no-license rule was contrasted in its results with former periods as indicating a remarkable progress. Great credit was awarded to the city and court officials, to the clergymen and temperance workers in that city, and especially to Rev. Mr. Montgomery for the wisdom and sagacity with which he has acted.

At the opening of the afternoon session, the committee on resolutions presented for discussion.

Whereas, we believe the efficiency of temperance workers would be augmented by a better understanding of the laws of our state, as regards the prosecution of those who are dealing in liquor in defiance of said law: therefore

Resolved, that it is the duty of all temperance workers to become familiar with the most efficient legal methods for the conviction of those illegally engaged in the sale of liquor.

Resolved, that temperance people should do all in their power to secure a strict enforcement of our present license law. Thus only can they consistently expect to obtain advanced legislation upon the liquor traffic.

Resolved, that the noblest strike of today is a strike against the liquor traffic. That in this alone there is more real helpfulness to the laboring man than can possibly come to him by emancipation from the power of any or all capitalists.

Discussion on these was opened by Rev. Mr. Frost of Oxford, followed by remarks from others, and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

C. W. Felt of Northboro closed the remarks made by him with a motion for the appointment of a committee, representing the towns in the Worcester north east district, and the Worcester and Middlesex Temperance Union in the calling of a mass convention of the friends of temperance in Worcester and Middlesex counties, to be held at Sterling Junction or some other central locality some time during the coming season. The motion was adopted and delegates were appointed to represent the towns named in this district union. Among these were: Rev. Mr. Tingley of Dudley, Rev. Geo. B. Frost of Oxford, Rev. G. Easterbrook of Southbridge, Emerson Stone of Spencer, Cyrus Spaulding of Webster.

At 4 o'clock p. m. the "Wide Awake Club" of this town consisting of about 70 of the public school children gave interesting exercises, including singing and recitations.

It was voted to hold the next meeting of the Central District Union in Worcester at the call of the officers in the fall. After a vote of thanks to Rev. Mr. Frost for his address, and the friends at Southbridge for their hospitality, the meeting adjourned.

In the evening there was an address in the church by Rev. Hugh Montgomery of Worcester.

The Strike. 1886

It had been currently reported that the spinners' strike was strongly denounced by the Knights of Labor at the outset, and that the strikers were warned that they must not expect to throw away their own living and that of hundreds of others and expect the support of the Knights of Labor. While the novelty and excitement of the situation lasted, the strikers did not heed the warning, but as pockets grew empty and the ill will of those who were compelled to be idle as the result of the strike, began to make the responsibility greater, there came a reaction in favor of returning to work.

From the *Worcester Daily News* of May 18, we take a report of a meeting held the day before:

In obedience to a call for the strikers, their parents and friends to meet in K. of L. hall Monday forenoon, about 500 persons assembled. The meeting was called to order by Master Workman, Henry Dinan, who after a few well chosen remarks introduced the principal speaker of the day, Wm. H. Wilson. Mr. Wilson came right to the point at issue, which was: "Who shall run the Globe mills, a handful of boys and girls or the Hamilton Woolen company? He then proceeded to portray the policy of the strikers, during which he cited as examples the losses of the Clinton dyers, the Brookfield blacking boys and others, and finally ended with a stirring appeal to the manhood and better nature of the strikers, who by their selfishness were keeping hundreds of men and women from a chance to earn their daily bread.

After him, Leon Rheims was introduced and spoke to them in the French language. He spoke about ten minutes in the same manner as the other speaker.

Then on the motion by John J. Curry, all uninterested parties were requested to leave the hall, which they did, leaving the strikers and their parents to confer with the executive board of the Knights of Labor. After order was restored, Messrs. Wilson and Rheims made a few remarks in which they defined the position of the K. of L. in the affair in such a manner that all present understood it; after which the children and the parents were called upon to express their opinions. A few of the parents spoke in favor of the strike being declared off. Then on motion of W. H. Wilson, a vote by ballot of the children was taken. The black and white ballots of the assembly being used, each one going to the box and voting as he wished unknown to the others.

When the result was given, the vote stood 53 in favor of going to work and 15 against. Then the question was: "Shall 15 boys keep 700 people out of work?"

The master workman said, "No, we will not allow such a thing to be done." If those fifteen do not want to go to work the K. of L. will fill their places at short notice. Then a rising vote was taken which was unanimously in favor of going to work. The strikers with the members of the board of arbitration then marched to the office of the Globe mill where the strike was declared off, and was accepted by Mr. McKinstry for the Hamilton Woolen Co., the agent being absent. The mills will probably be started Wednesday morning; a few repairs which have been begun can not be finished until that time.

Wednesday morning the mill bells rang as usual and all hands were at work on time with the exception of the spinners at the New Mill; these were divided among themselves on the question of returning and for nearly an hour there was great excitement but about eight o'clock the hands were in their old placer and work resumed.

Only one of the pentagraph girls in the engraving room at the Print Works has been retained; the places of the others are to be filled wita new hands.

As a matter of course all manner of conflicting stories have been in circulation and it has been unsafe to trust a floating rumor. The outcome has been what might have been expected in a town like this where labor troubles have never penetrated and the working people and mill operatives are controlled by their own common sense and good judgment. They have shown their allegiance to the best interest of the community.

The library committee organized, with J. M. Cochran, chairman; Dr. Cary C. Bradford, secretary; J. M. Cochran, Rev. J. M. Kremmen and G. M. Whitaker, book committee. 1886

S. S. Perry is visiting in Boston.

SOUTHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL.

Graduating Exercises.

The graduating exercises of the class of 1881 of the high school took place in Dresser hall last Friday evening. The hall was well filled and the exercises were of a very high order. They were a credit to the participants as well as to the town. The people of the place ought to be proud at such an exhibition of the result of its school system.

The following is the program of the evening's exercises:

Overture. MRS. H. N. CARPENTER AND F. W. ROWLEY.

Prayer. REV. A. G. UPHAM.

Latin salutatory. CORA F. MCCAMBRIDGE.

Education vs. Wealth. CORNELIA WARD.

Song. MINNIE E. SEARLES.

Uses of beauty. FLORA J. WHITFORD.

X equals what? ERNEST W. WINTER.

Piano solo. CORA L. CARPENTER.

Standard of taste. CORA F. MCCAMBRIDGE.

The holy grail—With valedictory. MYRA B. MARTIN.

Presentation of diplomas.

Class song.

The book of life lies open,
With but the preface done;
The rest is all unwritten—
The work is scarce begun.
Four years have passed in study,
And now no more delay,
But take we up the burden
And face the heat of day.

And on those leaves unspotted
Time will the record write
Of all our lives in future,
Their darkness and their light.
The tale perchance is brighter
Than that of former years,
It may be it is darkened
By heavy mists of tears.

But ere we part, my comrades,
To live our lives alone,
One word for what is coming,
One word for what has flown.
The years we leave behind us,
Who can their story tell?
Four years we've been together,
We can but say—Farewell!

Now look we forth, my classmates,
And let not words of cheer
And promises of labor
Be all that's written here,
But let whoe'er our record
Of what is coming, reads,
See in the finished volume
Inscribed "not words but deeds."

Benediction. REV. J. DANIELSON.

Miss McCambridge's salutatory was well written and gracefully delivered.

Miss Ward's essay was clearly delivered and one of the best of the evening. She presented in a vivid manner the great advantages that mental power has over money; showing that the progress of civilization and its luxuries has been due to the inventions of education; that the man with a cultivated mind derives more pleasure from life than does one who has mere money; that education has a practical value in giving preference and advancement even to those who are poor; that it raised up such men as a Lincoln and a Garfield—deeds which money could never achieve; and finally, that education helps us to be an advantage to others.

Though Miss Whitford selected a difficult subject she handled it with skill and presented many sharp points. Anything to be useful must cause good; good is happiness; beauty causes happiness; therefore it is useful. Beauty was then defined and its uses shown more in detail.

Winter had a manly oration, well written and well delivered. He presented life as a problem to be solved. Certain known quantities are given and we are to find what x equals. In the solution character is the all-important element. If its value is properly estimated the answer to the problem will be satisfactory. The influence upon character of associates, the value of sincerity and other traits were noticed.

Miss McCambridge selected one of the most difficult subjects of all, but treated it in a very creditable manner. She noted the different kinds of taste in different peoples and ages. Definitions of taste given by some authorities were also quoted and shown to be defective. The author's standard was the concurrent opinion of educated, cultivated minds. A true taste can be acquired by practice and a study of the masterpieces.

Miss Martin gave the story of the holy grail in very apt language, and then by a graceful transition likened the class to the olden knights as the members on that evening stopped to look back over school life just before starting out on the journey of life. Appropriate last words were then spoken to committee, teachers, school mates and finally class mates.

Rev. B. V. Stevenson, secretary of the committee, presented the diplomas. In doing so he expressed his gratification at having lived in Southbridge where so much attention is given to education; yet with all this attention he thought there had been some neglect. There was neglect that the class which entered fourteen, graduated only five. Where are the other nine? Why do so many of our scholars graduate from even the primary schools? It is because you parents have not enough interest in our schools. Is there not sufficient merit in what you have listened to tonight to cause you to feel more interest and enthusiasm in our system of education, and see that there is some virtue in it. We have good teachers, but more is needed than good work from them. Mr. Stevenson concluded with apt remarks and advice to the class.

The class ode was composed for the occasion by the principal, F. M. Smith.

RECEPTION.

At the conclusion of the graduating exercises the members of the graduating class held a reception in the upper hall, to which they had invited many of their friends. The hall, neatly decorated with banners, pictures, flowers, etc., was well filled with people. It was without exception the most social gathering the JOURNAL ever saw in Southbridge. The members of the graduating class and the teachers of the school were liberally congratulated on their work, while the strains of piano music filled the room. Afterwards there was singing by Miss Carrie Stone and Miss Josie Rice; and then a collation was served amid the busy flow of tongues. Later there was dancing. The reception was a grand success, being finely conceived and admirably carried out.

Last week we announced a snow fall of two feet. Thursday night the temperature fell to zero, the wind blowing furiously from the northwest. The cold and gale continued all day Friday, filling roads and interfering with trains. The trains on the New England road ran with remarkable regularity. On the Albany road nearly all the difficulties centered between Worcester and East Brookfield, Charlton hill, where the wind blew a hurricane, being especially a dreaded locality to trainmen. A freight train got stalled between Rochdale and Charlton, and trains generally were delayed two or three hours. On the Norwich road stalled freight trains caused more delays than head winds or drifting snow. Oxford plains kept up its reputation as the "snow-bank" grounds, a few drifts making it hard work for the engines and men. Highways were badly drifted and travel generally suspended. Saturday was also cold and blustering, but Sunday was more comfortable. It was not until Monday that roads were generally opened and business resumed. Since then the weather has been cold and uncomfortable, though less severe than before. March 9th 1884

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Meeting for boys only, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Young men's meeting at the rooms next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Subject: God's answer to him who says "No matter what I believe, if I am honest in it." I Kings xviii: 25–29, 40; Acts xxvi: 9–11. This meeting is for all men, whether members of the association or not. Come yourself and invite others.

John E. Russell lectures in Edwards Opera house next Thursday evening, Feb. 18, it being the fourth entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. star course. The subject of the lecture is "An American in England." Mr. Russell is a captivating speaker, and he will give one of the best lectures a Southbridge audience ever listened to. Previous to the entertainment the Southbridge Quadrille band will play a few selections.

An enjoyable social reception was held at the rooms Thursday, the 4th. The following program was given:

Duet, Miss Minnie Searles and J. F. B. Litchfield; reading, Geo. C. Winter; song, Ernest W. Winter; duet, Miss Carrie R. Stone and Mrs. E. G Guy; song, J. F. B. Litchfield; reading, Geo. C. Winter; song, Mrs. E. G. Guy. Mrs. H. N. Carpenter and Mrs. C. D. Paige were accompanists. Following the above was a display in gymnastics by several members of the gymnasium.

Arthur Whitaker, captain of the Massachusetts Agricultural College Bi cycle Club, was in Southbridge the first of the week, having come from Amherst on his machine in six hours and a half running time. Tuesday he went to Webster, accompanied by three members of the Southbridge club; at Webster they were the recipients of courtesies from the Webster club. From Webster he went to Worcester and then back to Amherst, traveling all the way by bicycle. Mr. W. completes his course next week, and is one of the seven selected from the class to speak at the graduating exercises on commencement day. His theme is an argument in favor of free trade in ships.

June 1881.

The Universalist Sunday school concert last Sabbath evening was up to the usual standard. There was an abundance of recitations and singing by the school, anthems by the choir and remarks by Superintendent Whitaker and Rev. F. Magwire.

Dec. 1885

The Past Year.

The following is the summary of the year's prominent doings: 1883.

Jan 1, Concert of Mrs. H. N. Carpenter and pupils. Telephone night service opened; 17 h, Fire in Whitford & Ellis' block; 22nd, Circle Canadien dramatic entertainment; 23rd, Fireman's ball; 25th, The Jollities.

February 8th, Masonic Social; 9th, Social at Dresser House; 13th, Annual meeting of Woman's Christian Temperance Union; 20th, Business Men's Social Reunion; 21st McKee Rankins "49"; Shed belonging to F. O. Letcher burned; 24th, C. H. Bigelow's store burglarized; 28th, Whitmore & Clarke's Minstrels.

March 1st, Brown University glee club; 4th, Tenement of Francis Dragon's partially burned; Will Carleton; Passenger depot broken into and robbed; 23d, Graduating exercises of the High school; 26th, Corinnes Merrie Makers; 29th, Masonic social.

April 2nd, Town meeting; 3rd, Leavitts Minstrels; 8th, Funeral of Holmes Ammidown; 10th, Enlisted for the War; 11th, Death of F. W. Botham; 12th, Bairds minstrels; 16th, Adjourned town meeting; 21st, New York Ideal Comic Opera company; 26th, Anniversary sociable of Odd Fellows; 27th, "Joshua Whitcomb."

May 3rd, Woman's State Temperance Union convention; 16th, Joseph Proctor's Dramatic company.

May 30, Memorial day, Judge Putnam of Webster, orator.

June 22, Arrest of parties for robbing American Optical company.

July 6, Boy drowned in new mill pond; 8th, town meeting; 31st, town meeting.

August 5, great fire, Hamilton Woolen company's barn and Dr. Curtis' barn and freight depot burned and many other buildings injured; 6th, Doris' circus and menagerie.

September 10, Town meeting; 20th. Musical soiree by Mrs. Leonard Cutler and pupils; 27th, Sunday school convention at Methodist church.

October 10 and 11, Sixty-fourth annual conference of Baptists' association, held at the Baptist church; 12th, Butler rally; 20th, death of Festus C. Litchfield; 25th, lecture by Rev. A. B. Kendig; 30th, stereoptican exhibition at Union church.

November 8, Musical soiree by Mrs. H. N. Carpenter and pupils; 12th, farewell reception to Rev. A. G. Upham, 18th, masonic installation and social; 14th, Stuart Rogers; 15th, Opening night of Mechanics band fair.

December 3, Spanish students; 11th, death of James Sanders; 12th. concert by Miss Nellini and local talent; 20th, county convention of Y. M. C. A.

Belmond, Ohio, *Herald* of a recent date had a pleasant account of the marriage and reception of Maj. S. N. Hinman of Belmond and a lady of that place. The marriage took place Jan. 4, and on their return from a short bridal tour the newly married couple were warmly welcomed by a circle of friends who contributed a fine array of valuable presents. The Major is a brother in law of John M., Alpha, and W. H. H. Cheney. 1883

"Southbridge is the prettiest town in Worcester county," said the county commissioners Wednesday. June 1884

C. V. Carpenter and Mrs. John Edwards have returned from their Washington trip.

William Booth has resigned his position in the Hamilton Woolen Co's mill as overseer of the spinning room.

Mrs. H. N. Carpenter sang at the entertainment given in Odd Fellows hall in Worcester last Friday evening. 1884

Miss Minnie Searles and Earnest Winter have been engaged to sing in the double quartet at the Baptist church the coming year. 1886

Sam'l Newton of Auburn, a leading farmer, and Mr. Towins, an extensive milk dealer of Worcester, were at G. L. Clemence's last Tuesday.

Wm. C. Hargraves has been appointed superintendent of the printing department of the Southbridge Printing company, in place of W. S. Henry resigned. 1886

Mr. and Mrs. Purlin S. Turner of Greenville, Mich., who twenty years ago were the popular landlord and landlady at the Edwards house, have been in town for a few days stopping at the Dresser house.

Thomas N. Harding died last Saturday morning, after less than a week's illness of pneumonia. He was one of the oldest residents of the place, having followed the milk business for a period of forty years. He leaves a wife, one son and an adopted daughter.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 2, 1886.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A new counterfeit quarter dollar has made its appearance in several of our adjoining towns, and many people have been taken in by it. It bears the date 1877. It is somewhat lighter than the genuine quarter, and ringing it on the counter will betray its character.

Apropos of the recent celebration of its 100th anniversary by the Pittsburgh (Pa.) *Commercial Gazette*, it is mentioned that there are only six older newspapers in the country. These with their birth years, are: Portsmouth (N. H.) *Gazttee*, 1756; Newport (R. I.) *Mercury*, 1758; Hartford (Conn.) *Courant*, 1764; New Haven (Conn.) *Journal*, 1767; Salem (Mass.) *Gazette*, 1768, and Worcester (Mass.) *Spy*, 1770.

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At a session of the First District Court of Southern Worcester, held in Southbridge, July 21, 1882, the following resolutions, offered by Hon. A. J. Bartholomew, and seconded by J. M. Cochran, Esq., were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The members of the Bar in this Judicial District, in common with the people in this community, are pained to learn of the sudden death of Solomon Thayer, late a deputy sheriff of this county, at an early hour this morning, and regarding it proper that some appropriate recognition of this event should be taken by this court, in which he has been long a constant and faithful servant in the discharge of the delicate duties devolving upon him in his official capacity, most respectfully present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Solomon Thayer in the discharge of his duties as deputy sheriff for the county of Worcester, during a period of nearly thirty years, has justly secured from the courts and the people the reputation of a courteous, faithful and efficient officer, a kind, honest and upright man in all the relations of life. We shall long remember his true manliness and courage, his kindness and sympathy for the weak and oppressed, and his regard for the feelings of others under all circumstances; this close, prompt and faithful attention to matter entrusted to him, and how he always exercised an honest, good sense in the performance of all his official duties.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of this court, as an expression of our estimation of him as a man and an officer, that a copy be sent to his family, and that this court do now adjourn in respect for his memory.

The Bazaar of the St. Mary's temperance society at St. Peter's institute which opened Wednesday of last week and closed Monday of this week was a very successful affair. Arranged in different parts of the building were booths, tables, flower stands, and fish ponds all of which were ladened and stocked with useful and ornamental articles. A shooting gallery was the especial delight of the young and some of the older men. A large sized and richly attired doll to be given to the one who guessed her name stood upon one of the tables. Almost every conceivable christian name was guessed by the patrons of the bazaar, but Monday evening it was announced that the correct name (Bethiah) had not been guessed so the doll was drawn by lot. Mrs. Bernard Silk held the lucky number and took the prize. A variety of entertainments were given each evening and consisted of minstrelsy, stump speeches and singing. Friday evening a concert was given by Sol. Blanchard and family and was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience as the numerous encores attested. The gross receipts of the enterprize are about $325.

Obituary.

Mr. Alvin Powers, born in Woodstock, Conn., in 1799, died in this town on Saturday, Nov, 13, aged 87 years. Left an orphan at an early age he was obliged to make his way in the world without many advantages to acquire an education. What advantages he had, he made the most of. What with a strong physical organization, with a capacity and love for labor, he met and overcame difficulties cheerfully that most men would shrink from. He married in 1820, Lydia, daughter of Dea. Cyrus Ammidown, Sen., by whom he had a family of four daughters and one son, all living at the present time. In connection with his father-in-law he cultivated a farm in the south-east part of this town until 1831. From that time up to 1835 he conducted farming and other labor for himself. In the latter year he came with his family to Globe Village, of which locality he was a resident up to the time of his decease. In 1836 the Hamilton Woolen Co., commenced the foundation and erection of the "Big Mill," under the agency of Samuel L. Fiske, esq., John E. Bacon was superintendant of the outside business of the corporation. He early discovered the capabilities of Mr. Powers to do faithful service. Of course in a job of that magnitude there were constant calls for some one to do unpleasant and hard service. Mr Powers was constantly called upon and cheerfully and faithfully answered those calls; high or dry he was always ready to undertake and do what others shrank from. Afterwards the corporation knowing his worth employed him in various capacities in and about their works, until his infirmities obliged him to seek other work. Notwithstanding his lameness he continued to labor as he was able up to the time he was confined to his house by his infirmtiies. For the past few years he has been a patient sufferer, waiting for the call to come home. As a companion for his unselfish labors for others rather then for himself, he has been tenderly and lovingly cared for by his children, who have spared no pains to render his declining years comfortable as his increasing ailments would admit. Thus has passed away another old resident, whose duties and labors though humble (as the world reckons) were faithfully and conscienciously performed, although frequently tried by adversity his cheerful disposition and an under current of mirthfulness made his presence always agreeable. Naturally modest and retiring his trustworthyness in all the relations of life will ever render his memory precious to his children and friends.

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Personal.

Bernard A. Leonard is visiting relatives in Boston.

Edwin E. Tiffany of New York is visiting in town.

Winfield S. Kilton jr. visited home a few days this week.

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James Paton paid the city of Providence a visit last week.

J. J. Bowlen attended the Elk's ball, held in Boston Monday night.

Joseph Brisset from Sorel is visiting at J. D. Proulx's of Gatineau and Proux.

C. A. Coleman, of Boston, treasurer of the Hamilton Woolen Co., was in town Wednesday.

A. W. Martin, secretary of the Local Freight agent association attended the meeting in Boston, Wednesday.

Mrs. T. J. Blanchard was called away last week to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law in Holyoke.

N. A. Taylor and family have moved to this town, and "The Elms" at Sturbridge remains vacant for the present.

Steward Hooker of the Hotel Winthrop, Meriden, Ct., sends us one of the unique bills of fare for which he is famous.

Rev. S. Hayward contributed an able article to the *New England Farmer* of last week on the schools of New Hampshire.

Miss E. P. Burton is at her home in Danielsonville, Ct., for a week's sojourn. Miss Booth of Blackstone takes her place at the telegraph office during her absence.

J. M. Cochran will deliver a lecture in Fiskdale, under the auspices of J. Arthur Johnson Post, G. A. R., taking his recent trip to California for a subject.

Last Wednesday at the regular monthly meeting, Dr. J. D. Genereux and J. E. Lescault, president of the French circle were admitted members of the St. John's Benevolent society.

Dr. L. Allen was elected secretary and treasurer of the Worcester County Homeopathic society at the meeting held last week. He also read a paper on "Hysterical Coma" before the society.

A petition has been in circulation for the appointment of Dr. G. G. Bulfinch to the office of county medical examiner recently made vacant by the death of Dr. F. D. Brown, of Webster. There is a universal desire that he may receive the appointment.

A lucky Bowdoin graduate. "Charles Haggerty, a graduate of Bowdoin college in the class of '81, and later a law student with Herbert M. Heath, esq., of Augusta, has been elected a member of the Massachusetts House. He is a democrat and was chosen in a republican district."—*Brunswick Telegraph.*

A Maine correspondent writes to the JOURNAL: The town of Stafford, Vt., was the scene of a very pleasant wedding Wednesday evening, the 24th inst., the contracting parties being E. W. Newell of Pittsburgh, Penn., and Miss Lucia A. Chandler, eldest daughter of Charles Chandler of Stafford. The bride is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke seminary, '84. The bridesmaids were Miss Louie L. Newell, a Vassar college junior and sister of the groom, and Miss Mamie Chandler, sister of the bride, a member of the class of 1885 of Kimball Union academy. The groomsmen were George F. Chandler, Dartmouth, '88, brother of the bride, and H. L. Hatch of Stafford, Dartmouth, '84. Miss Mary E. Newell, sister of the groom, was also present. Among those present at the ceremony and reception were Hon. Justin R. Morrill, U. S. senator from Vermont, with his family, who gave the young couple many kind words of advice, also L. A. Chandler of California, state senator from San Francisco, who was accompanied by his daughter. The young couple received many valuable and useful presents, and left with the best wishes of many friends for the White Mountains before starting for Pittsburgh. June. 1885.

Deaths in Southbridge during 1884.

Jan. 8. Charles Arthur, son of J. A. Letourneau, 4 years.
8. Lucy Mary, daughter of Harvey V. Newell, 14 days.
9. Elizabeth A. West, 48 years.
9. Frank P., son of Alonzo W. Olds, 35 years.
13. Mary Vinton, daughter of Harvey V Newell, 19 days.
16. Elphegina Bourdeau, 2 years 2 mos.
19. Alice, daughter of Martin O'Brien, 20 days.
20. Onley P. Whipple, 66 years
27. Mary Cassian, wife of —— McHue, 50 years.

Feb. 1. Theotiste Demers, 42 years.
1. Louisa P. Stone, 78 years.
5. Johanna, daughter of James Murphy, 13 years.
9. Lewis Hart, 85 years.
14. Michael J., son of John Delehanty, 21 years.
15. Victor, son of James Gaumont, 1 year 7 months.
16. Thomas, son of Thomas McGilpin, 10 months 4 days.
17. Julia, daughter of Peter Fortier, 26 years 9 months 21 days.
19. Annie E., daughter of John M. Geer, 17 years 1 month 14 days.
21. Frederick Stead, 70 years.
22. Joseph Dufran, 83 years 6 months.
25. Stephen Scarborough, 62 years 1 month 4 days.

Mar. 3. John, son of John Foley, 27 years.
5. Charles W. Vinton, 78 years 1 month 5 days.
9. Louis Noel, son of Peter Manderville, 33 years.
9. Elvira Belknap, 63 years.
29. Mary Roy Gaudette, 42 years 8 mos.

Apr. 1. Rosanna, daughter of Nelson Martin, 18 years.
6. Mary E., daughter of Joseph Gravelle, 9 months.
13. Hannah, daughter of Wm. O'Halloran, 5 months.
13. Richard Dwyer, 27 years.
16. Albina, daughter of Joseph Deon, 1 year 1 month 12 days.
16. Cyprian Whiting, 67 years.
17. Sarah D. Newhall, 81 years 11 months 7 days.
23. Martin McCarty, 35 years.
24. Julia, daughter of Patrick Sheridan, 7 months 4 days.
25. Julia Morse, 58 years.
30. Herman O., son of Orrin Aldrich, 9 months 8 days.

May 5. Helene, daughter of Peter Manderville, 20 years 11 month.
6. Bendette, daughter of Gelas Lucia, 6 months 7 days.
9. Frank Medina, son of Samuel S. Silva, 3 months.
15. Fanny Fay, daughter of Newton E. Putney, 3 years 10 months.
22. Elizabeth Duffy, 65 years.
25. Joseph N. E., son of A. Theopile Lamoureux, 9 years 5 months 1 day.
28. Almira K. Botham, 68 years
29. Emma, daughter of Peter Bachand, 12 years.
31. Mary L. Chamberlain, 41 years.

June 5. Joseph, son of George Lamothe, jr., 1 month 10 days.
7. Victorina, daughter of Francis Bovin, 15 years 6 months.
8. Arthur, son of Eli Jacques, 10 mos.
19. Margaret Sheridan, 26 years.
23. Agatha B. Gagnon, 64 years.

July 9. Edward J. Duffy, 35 years 11 mos. 12 days.
14. Delia, daughter of John Wisher, 5 months 10 days.
17. Marie, daughter of Alex. Riband, 2 days.
17. Mary B., wife of Samuel S. Silva, 20 years.
25. Orise, daughter of Simeon Gadona, 1 year 2 months.
30. Thankful Ammidown, 86 years.

Aug. 1. Mary A., daughter of Pierre Hayes, 2 years 2 months.
2. Lary L., daughter of Joseph M. Olney.
4. Bertha B., daughter of Charles F. Eccleston, 1 year 6 months.
5. Elisha Cole, 75 years.
8. A. A. Wales, 75 years.
11. Joseph, son of Alfred Marcelle, 9 months 1 day.
14. Mary E. Ford, 22 years 3 months.
15. Alice L., daughter of Edward M. Litchfield, 9 months 8 days.
18. Frank, son of Feb. Scarbo, 1 year 6 days.
19. F. Louise, daughter of George W. Cady, 1 year 6 days.
21. Eveline S. Burlingame, 27 years, 4 months, 27 days.
22. Joseph, son of Peter Bachand, 11 months.
31. Byron Harwood, 73 years.

Sept. 4. Ida, daughter of Ephraim Semard, 5 months.
10. Rosa Martin, 45 years.
9. Rosalina, daughter of Joseph Demers.
11. Sarah, daughter of John Walsh, 3 months, 15 days.
11. Mabel, daughter of Charles L. Horton, 1 month, 17 days.
16. Lucretia, daughter of Joseph Grandchaup, 2 months.
16. Ulric, son of Louis Savarist, 1 year, 4 months.
17. Patrick Welsh, 70 years.
17. Alfred Louis, son of Joseph Granger, 3 months.
18. Bessie S., daughter of Frank D. Handy, 2 years, 9 months, 13 days.
22. Marie Malvina, daughter of Honoria Dorval, 4 years, 8 months.
26. Arthur E. Crouch, 33 years, 6 months, 22 days.
27. Ellen Manilla, daughter of Frederick W. Fiske, 10 months.
27. Edwin O. Gilmore, 58 years 11 months.
29. John Metcalf, 68 years, 9 months.
30. Antoine Champagne, 74 years.

Oct. 1. Mary Tully, 62 years.
6. Melvina, daughter of Frank Montville, 10 months, 6 days.
6. Abial Hibbard, 85 years.
11. Rufus F. Young, 65 years.
16. Philomine, daughter of Felix Dufaus, 20 years.
22. Anastatea Callahan, 66 years.
24. Frank V., son of Frank P. Pratt, 22 years.
25. Mathildie Baudin, 49 years.
28. Samuel, son of Theopile Hull, 4 months, 15 days.

Nov. 1. Frank A., son of William C. Barnes, 17 years.
4. Joseph Cutter.
7. Mary Ann Munger, 78 years, 5 months.
9. Johanna Ryan, 88 years, 4 months.
10. Mary Ann, wife of Thomas Karnes, 38 years, 11 months, 3 days.
17. William P., son of Paul J. Whelan, 10 years, 8 months, 13 days.
18. Arthur, son of Daniel Dumas, 1 year, 2 months.
25. James K., son of William N. Perkins, 22 years, 1 month, 13 days.
26. John P. Stedman, 75 years, 11 months.
28. Frank H., son of James H. Kelly, 6 years, 3 days.

Dec. 6. Joseph A. Robillard, 31 years, 1 month.
7. Louise A. Jackson, 27 years, 6 months.
13. Alice S. Bracken, 26 years, 11 months.
20. Lizzie, daughter of James Gargan, 29 years.
22. Margaret Fennelly, 50 years.
25. William W. Corbin, 31 years.
28. Rosa, daughter of Patrick McInroe, 2 years, 7 months.
28. Sally Eager, 87 years, 10 months.
28. Mrs. A. H. Newbury, 69 years, 7 months.
31. Mary F. Ward, 38 years, 6 months.

Sandersdale.

The youngest child of Paul King has been seriously ill.

Mrs. John Cocroft and Miss Sarah J. Houston of Crompton, R. I., are the guests of Mrs. Edward Hopwood.

The plank walks recently constructed by John Martland in front of private residences are models of beauty and convenience.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Squires and family of Worcester, are rusticating in our quiet village, the guests of Mrs. George Frost.

Josiah Foskett, of Palmer, paid a flying visit the other evening, and during his brief stay accepted the hospitality extended by his friend, George Frost, Sr.

The annual reunion of Rhode Island war veterans will be held at Rocky Point R. I., Tuesday Aug. 12. All veterans resident of Southbridge cordially invited.

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Among the Churches.

There will be evening service of the Protestant Episcopal church at Dresser Small Hall Sunday the 15th at 3 p. m. The Rev. J. S. Beers will officiate.

Regular services in the Methodist church every Sunday in August. The pastor, Rev. W. J. Pomfret, will preach next Sunday morning. All are cordially welcomed.

Meeting in the lecture room of the Congregational church Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, conducted by the young people. Subject: The young ruler's question of Christ, "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life." Luke, xviii; 18-31.

The picnic held by the Union church Sunday school and their friends last Tuesday at Forest View grove, Walker pond, was a great success. Over three hundred persons attended and enjoyed the day's amusements which were well planned.

Personal.

Mrs. A. M. Cheney is at Kennebunk, Me.

John A. Ellis from Brooklyn is in town.

Joseph Kinsey of Cincinnati is in town.

Frank E. Esten of Amesbury is visiting in town.

Wm. C. Lewis is taking a trip to Minneapolis.

Arthur Plimpton of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting in town.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cole are enjoying a trip to Colorado.

Mrs S. D. Smith and daughter are at Sterling camp meeting.

Miss Alice Haskell of Webster is the guest of Amasa Haskell.

Wm. Beane has been running as express messenger this week.

A. M. Plimpton spent last Sabbath with friends in Brookline.

Frank Dresser spent a few days at Downer's Landing this week.

Henry Blane has gone to Minneapolis where he intends to locate.

Miss Mabel Chapin is spending her vacation at Shelter Island, N. Y.

Mrs. A. M. Chamberlain has been spending a few days in Springfield.

Miss Mary Merritt, Miss Louie Ellis, and E. D. Reynolds are at Watch Hill.

Miss Callie E. Haskell is in Springfield and will attend the camp-meeting.

Alex W. Paton will spend the coming week in Providence and Fall River.

J. P. Haynes, wife and son, of Hartford are the guests of Frank C. Litchfield.

Miss Cora Lombard has been visiting relatives in Fiskdale and Brimfield.

C. S. Edmonds and sons Howard and Stewart are camping at the Webster lake.

Mrs. M. K. Olney and Miss Mary Olney are the guests of Mrs. Wm. Edwards.

Wm. H. Upham and family of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mrs. Otis Upham.

Misses Susie and Louie Tirrel of Weymouth are visiting Mrs. Geo. L. Clemence.

Miss Emma Dresser is visiting in Brookline, the guest of Miss Mattie Edwards.

F. T. Miller, accompanied by Everett A. Brown, starts for a three weeks vacation in Maine.

Misses Nina and Edith Bartholo ew have joined the Southbridge delegation at Kennebunk beach.

Mrs. N. Smith and children, of New Haven, are visiting at Mrs. L. A. Brown's on Chapin St.

Mrs. Wm. P. Plimpton and children are spending a fortnight on Prudence Island, below Providence, R. I.

A. W. Martin has been elected secretary of the Local Freight Agents' association at a meeting held in Boston last week.

Mrs. F. E. Newbury and daughter Mildred have gone for a few weeks sojourn at New Buttonwoods, R. I.

Miss Annie, daughter of John Udell, formerly of this town, now of Providence, is visiting her cousin Miss Maggie McGilpin.

Miss Lizzie Potter is very low with brain fever. Mrs. Thomas Potter remained in Boston under medical treatment until last week.

Miss Jennie E. Gould of Cambridge, and a graduate of Smith College, has been engaged as an assistant in the high school.

T. D. Chenett formerly of Southbridge and for seven or eight years in the employ of Alphonse Derlauriers, three of which he acted as foreman of the Providence business, fell from the roof of the residence of Geo. M. Griffin in Providence last Thuasday and was instantly killed.

The Southbridge Water Supply company have declared a dividend of three per cent.

Personal.

D. A. Reeves is in town.

Carl Johnson spent the Sabbath in town.

J. Merrill Bean has been in town the past week.

James M. Ryan is the new barber at H. M. Caffrey's shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Wells are visiting in Philadelphia.

Fred Darling has been spending a few days in Brooklyn Conn.

Miss Grace Johnson is the present bookkeeper in Mr. Guy's store.

Jas. Taylor, jr., has gone to Springfield to enter the Y. M. C. A. school for Christian workers.

The degree of D. D. was conferred upon Wm. Dewitt Hyde at Harvard college last Monday.

Baggage Master Lindsey took Mr. Densmore's place a few days last week while the latter was disabled by his accident.

Seth Keeler who has had charge of the Hamilton Woolen Co's ice team the past two seasons has left their employ.

Wm. A. Wright one of the engravers at the Hamilton Woolen Co's print works has gone to Riverside, R. I., to work in the Clyde print works.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wheeler attended the dress reception given to President and Mrs. Cleveland at the Hotel Vendome in Boston, Monday evening.

Andrew Hall closed his services at the Hamilton print works last Saturday. We understand it is his intention to reside in town for the present. Mr. Tatterson assumed the entire charge of all the works of the Company, Monday morning.

C. D. Paige has made such a popular assistant secretary of the state committee, that a majority of the committee have expressed a willingness to reelect him to the position. Membership on the committee is not necessary to holding the position.

F. L. Chapin who purchased the Leonard Cutler property on Chapin street has the frames of the two unfinished houses erected and boarded. He also contemplates moving Mr. Cutler's shop and remodelling it into a residence.

J. F. B. Litchfield is now selling first class tickets from Southbridge to Montreal for $7.68. He also has books of excursion routes giving round trip tickets to the most interesting points which no one contemplating a trip this summer should fail to procure.

Building.

1878.

The building operations in town are progressing well, and this season will be one of the important ones in the history of Southbridge, so far as the growth from building is concerned. The Goddard house is well advanced towards completion. The two new ones on South street are being pushed as fast as the weather will permit. The exterior of Henry Clarke's is completed and the frame of Mr. Chipman's is up. Mr. Chase is building a new house on the Westville road, near the "Joe Brackett place. William Edwards is again at work on the flat adjoining North street and has four cottage houses under contract. Two of them are already showing their proportions Mr. Edwards intends to construct two more before the end of the season. Workmen are putting in the foundations of William E. Alden's block on Main street, and the frame of Mr. Tatterson's house on Hamilton street is up The frame of Liberty Phelp's new house on Main street, opposite the Universalist church, is under way. Messrs. Bartholomew and Chapin have six new houses under contract on the Glover farm and two of them are already commenced. These gentlemen are doing a work in this locality that will be a great developer of the town. They are extending Sayles and High streets about 500 feet southerly. A new street parallel to South, connects the present termini of these extensions, and runs a little past them to the West; from the end of which yet another road is laid out running to the South, nearly parallel with Mr. Newell's Highland street. All of these new ways are now being wrought, and building lots are staked out on them. Messrs. Bartholomew and Chapin will erect six houses on alternate lots at once.

C. W. Weld of this town has patented in the United States and Canada a portable wire fence with iron fence posts. It consists of a round iron post with a novel arrangement that fastens the wire firmly to the post, and can be easily detached. It makes a perfect fence that can be put up or taken down by two men at the rate of twenty rods per hour. As the posts are common round iron, easily driven into the ground, they can be furnished as cheap as wooden posts with the cost of setting added. Farmers will see the advantages of the fence for many places, especially on streams that overflow every spring and carry away ordinary fences.

Hamilton Woolen Company.

[From the Boston Journal of Commerce.]

The Hamilton Woolen company, Amesbury, is making quite important changes in the finishing rooms of its woolen department. The company will immediately put in ten new fulling mills, several new gigs and other improved machinery for steaming and finishing woolen goods, and will also put a new wheel into its No. 1 mill. A large product is being turned out of fine all-wool goods, which are having a large sale in the market. This company's woolen plant at this place consists of 27 sets of woolen machinery, which are running to their fullest capacity under the supervision of J. F. Esten, an experienced and first-class woolen manufacturer, who has done much toward bringing the mills up to their present high standing.

The Hamilton Woolen company's cotton department, Amesbury, is running to its full capacity, turning out a large product of cotton goods at an exceedingly low cost. This company's cotton department at this place consists of 55,000 spindles, which have been run heretofore on print cloths almost entirely. At the present time some changes are being made in its goods, bringing them up to a higher standard. Much credit is due to Mr. Chandler, the present agent, for the successful manner in which this department has been managed since he took charge. Few only of our best equipped mills have been able to compete with him in the cost of making goods. Indeed, it would be a hard matter to better the management of this department at the present time.

1886.

VISITING.—We hear much about the visiting of W. H. Cook, Friend Whitaker, and R. W. Waterman, and the beautiful time and places each have at their respective towns, and are glad of the same. But if either of the three wish a good jolly time, a beautiful land and water scape, with good fishing, we cordially invite them to visit us at Webster, and will guarantee that their little islands will fade away and be heard of no more. The Lake with the big name will eclipse all. *Come* and see us, you shall be welcome.—*Webster Times.*

We can indorse all that Bro. Cort says about Webster's beautiful lake, and should like to meet Messrs. Cook and Waterman there some day, were it not for the possibility that the latter might choke trying to pronounce the name of pond. "R. W." never uses big words.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. B. Healy of La Crosse, Wisconsin, were the guests of L. M. Litchfield this week. 1883.

June 1886.

Personal.

Wm. O. Mason is at home from the West.

Mrs. Wm. F. McKinstry is dangerously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Newell are visiting in town.

Rev. Frank D. Handy and wife are visiting at Albert McKinstry's.

Thomas Paton from Baltimore was in town a couple of days this week.

Dr. Bulfinch has been attending the meeting of the Massachusetts Medical society.

Mrs. Hale Jacobs of Malden was in town Sunday, a guest of Vernon Joslin.

Miss Mary Newell and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Paige have attended the commencement exercises at Vassar this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Upham and Messrs. Reynolds and Truesdell, on their return from New York, reported a fine time and a glimpse of the president.

A. J. Bartholomew was delegated by the veterans and guests of the 15th Regiment, to present a card of thanks to the committee in charge of their excursion which has so successfully terminated this week.

At the quarterly concert at Dean Academy, given last Tuesday evening, Miss Emma F. Dresser gave a vocal selection, and one of the instrumental numbers was also given by Professor Tracy and Miss Dresser.

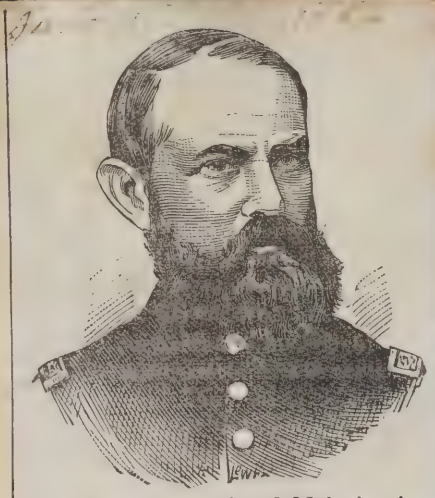
Miss Louie L. Newell graduated from Vassar college this week with high honors—standing at the head of her class. We are glad to note this creditable position taken by a graduate of our high school. Miss Newell's graduating essay, discoursed of Greek and Modern Tragedy, describing how tragedy had its origin in the the worship of the Greeks, and was brought to a state of comparative perfection by the artistic sense and ability of that nation, and comparing it with the tragedy of Shakspere and the modern stage. The essay was very highly commended. 1886.

—Miss Minnie E. Searles has gone on a two month's visit to friends in N. Y. During her absence, her position in the Universalist church quartette will be filled by Miss Cora L. Marble. 1884.

Royal Arcanum.

The officers of the local council of the Royal Arcanum were publicly installed in Odd Fellows' hall last Thursday evening. The room was well filled with an attentive audience. The installation services were performed by J. H. Butler of Somerville, as Deputy Grand Regent. At their conclusion he spoke of the order and also of other similar cooperative insurance societies, showing that by their simplicity and low rate of expenses they offer adequate insurance at much less cost than the old companies with their high salaries, expensive agents, and elegant buildings. The benefit of the principle of secrecy in connection with these societies was also shown. The Royal Arcanum was founded by members of the "United order of Workmen" and "Knights of Honor" intending to include all the benefits of those orders with a more equitable system of assessments.—A. J. Bartholomew was the next speaker. He treated more at length upon the order and its benefits. At the conclusion of his remarks Mrs. Carpenter sang two selections, as did a male quartet composed of Messrs. King, Munroe, Litchfield and Bartholomew, Mr. Mellen read "Gabriel Grub" and an ample collation was served. All of the exercises were excellently rendered and well received. The entertainment concluded with a social reunion.

—Last Tuesday evening Malcolm Ammidown Post and Malcolm Ammidown Relief Corps united in a grand campfire at the halls of the former, partly as a reception for Mrs. John L. Morse, who has recently returned from her Western journey, and partly in commemoration of the battle of Cedar Creek—a great battle which was a Union defeat in the morning and turned to a Union victory in the evening by the reenforcement of one man—Phil. Sheridan. Several members of the post were in that fight. The comrades with friends assembled in large numbers. Familiar war songs were finely rendered by a quartet composed of Miss Carrie R. Stone, Mrs. E. T. Morse, C. S. Edmonds and Dr. Lamson Allen. J. M. Cochran made some very interesting remarks, giving a description of his journey through the West. Mrs. Susie M. Knight read "Sheridan's Ride." All joined the chorus in singing "Marching through Georgia," when the company adjourned to the banquet hall to partake of an excellent oyster supper prepared by Comrade Faulkner. A social time was enjoyed after supper, then departure for home, all being well satisfied. Oct 19, 1886.



The above portrait of Malcolm Ammidown, from whom the local Post, G. A. R. is named, would have appeared in the report of the exercises of Memorial day in the last week's JOURNAL, but for the mistake of the engraver in sending it too late.

Malcolm Ammidown was second lieutenant of Company H. of the 34th Massachusetts Regiment, three years men. Mustered in Aug. 13, 1862, he was taken prisoner May 15, 1864, at New Market, Va., and died Oct. 1, 1864, in prison at Charleston, S. C.

From the issue of the JOURNAL, dated Nov. 25, 1864, is re-printed a part of the obituary of Lieut Ammidown.

He died a prisoner of war in the hands of the rebels at Charleston, S. C., suddenly of fever on the 1st of October last, aged 37 years. Our readers will recollect that he was taken prisoner on the 15th of last May in a skirmish near New Market, in the Shenandoah Valley, while in command of a line of skirmishers thrown out from his regiment to feel the enemy.

Coming unexpectedly upon a superior force he was driven back and spraining his ankle in attempting to escape, so that he could not walk, he was captured with other wounded men. He was first taken to Staunton, then to Macon, and finally to Charleston where he died.

Many happy recollections of Lieut. Ammidown shall long keep his memory fresh and green in this community. Intelligent, benevolent and kind, always cheerful and possessing an unblemished character, he was justly respected and honored. We had few more diligent students, more careful observers of men and things, more earnest and public spirited men among us.

In 1860 he was elected one of the selectmen of this town, and served as an efficient member of the board, with honor to us and credit to himself, until the summer of 1862, when the country called for more defenders. By his personal effort he secured from the 34th the full quota of volunteers assigned to this town, among our very best young men, such as compose the splendid material for heroic achievements, like those of Sheridan's army. While in camp at Worcester, he was commissioned second lieutenant. Here was the symbol of his manhood. He was ready to shield his country from danger in its hour of peril. He had studied the issues of the crisis and knew their moment. Patriotism prompted him to forget all self-interests, to sacrifice the pleasures of a happy home and devote his energy and life to the vindication of his faith in our cause and his hope in its final triumph. And he followed the obligations of duty and went forth to battle for the right. As a soldier he was brave and faithful, always at his post, kind to his men and loved by them.

Y. M. C. A. Notes. May 1886

Monthly business meeting of the association will be held Monday evening. Applicants for membership should send in their names.

Members and friends of the association should remember to attend the strawberry festival in the Y. M. C. A. rooms this (Friday) evening, where an abundance of good things will be for sale. The following attractive program of music will be given during the evening:

PROGRAMME:

Quartette.
The Misses Searles and Messrs. Litchfield and Winter.

Duett,
Miss Minnie Searles and Mr. Ernest Winter.

Solo,
Miss Mattie Searles.

Trio,
The Misses Searles and Mrs. H. N. Carpenter.

Solo,
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter.

Trio,
The Misses Searles and Mr. Ernest Winter.

Quartette,
The Misses Searles and Messrs. Litchfield and Winter.

The last boy's meeting until September will be held Sunday at 4 o'clock p. m., to which all boys are invited. The prize of a membership ticket to the boy's branch, which was offered to the boy who should commit the largest number of scripture verses, has been won by Alexander Taylor.

Meeting for men only, Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Topic: "Persistent in Service," Judges viii:4; Rom. ii:7. A cordial welcome to all men. Come yourself and invite others.

ISAAC B. MARTIN.

Decease—Funeral—Inquest—In Memoriam.

In last week's JOURNAL we gave an account of the sad and sudden accident which befel Station Agent Isaac B. Martin, Sept. 1, while in the discharge of his duties at the New York & New England Railroad company's yard in Southbridge; and reported him in a very critical condition. Almost while the JOURNAL was being printed and distributed to the village readers more unfavorable symptoms appeared, and he continued to fail till about 1:30 Friday afternoon, when he ceased to breathe. He retained his consciousness till within a few moments of his death, and conversed as freely as his weak condition would admit about his approaching dissolution.

THE FUNERAL

took place last Sabbath. Allusion was made to the sad event in several of the churches, but the services were held at the Methodist church, where the deceased was a regular attendant. The auditorium was well filled, and it was no ordinary audience, for there were gathered together a very large number of the merchants, manufacturers and other prominent men of the place. Rev. J. M. Avann officiated, and the music was rendered by a select quartet —Mrs. Gunn, Miss Mabel Cheney, Augustus Cook and James A. King. Mr. Avann said that no eulogy of his could equal the eulogy of so large and representative a gathering of the people of Southbridge, who thus testified to the general respect in which the departed was held and the hold he had on the community. Grief is retiring, but when a public man dies it is proper that the funeral be held in a place where the public can all come and pay their respects to his memory. This the speaker considered right, for the community is a large family and should sorrow together over a common bereavement. Mr. Martin was no ordinary man. He had business ability far above the average; he was possessed of great business tact and energy; he had much push and enterprise. Such a man would be an honor and an advantage to any community. Not only did he have great natural ability, but he used it well. His integrity has been recognized in all places he has filled. In these days of so much corruption and so many abused trusts, it is with great satisfaction that we can say he was a man of honor and business integrity. His life should be a practical lesson to the young especially. It is better to have the confidence of the community and be honest than be possessed of great means; better be a man of honor rather than a "successful" man. Mr. Martin had pronounced opinions, but always respected the rights of others; he never sacrified conviction for interest. He recognized the value of public worship, and not only contributed liberally towards it but attended regularly. It was not sentiment but conviction with him; and every business man ought to follow this example and help support some branch of the church. The speaker further exhorted the business men to profit from the suddenness of the death and keep their business so that it could be left at any time, so that it would be all straight and plain even if they should be taken away suddenly. The remarks closed with words of sympathy for the family in their great affliction.

THE INQUEST.

The laws of Massachusetts require official investigation before a justice of some district court whenever any person is killed by a railroad accident. The hearing relative to the causes of Mr. Martin's death was held before Judge Jillson Monday afternoon; Medical Examiner Hartwell being present and assisting. The first witness was Albert Martin, son of the deceased. He testified that it was a part of his father's duty to tell conductors what he wanted done with cars about the yard and see that his orders were obeyed. It was the duty of the train men to do the work, yet as a matter of fact his father often assisted them in coupling cars, etc. He did not know whether there was any need of his father's being at that particular spot at that time, but there was a large amount of extra coal being received, the tracks were more or less crowded and the agent had to be in all parts of the yard planning and seeing to the disposition of the cars. Was with his father most of the time from the accident to his death; asked him, after the doctors had said he could not live, what he was doing between the cars, and he replied that he saw a car without a pin and stepped in to pick it up. Witness testified that it was always his father's custom to have a general oversight of the yard, and if he saw a pin or shackle on the ground to pick it up. His father blamed no one for the accident. Any going between the cars was voluntary on his part.

Dr. G. G. Bulfinch testified that he saw Mr. Martin some twenty minutes after he was injured; he was then in a state of extreme shock—body cold and pulse almost imperceptible; found marks of external injury; finally reaction was produced and the next day, Thursday, he appeared better. In the afternoon a state of collapse set in and the patient continued to sink till his death on Friday; the bunters of the car must have approached within four or five inches of each other and caused very serious injury to the internal organs; it could not have been rupture of the intestines, death would have set in sooner if it had been; in the last stages it appeared like excessive congestion and inflammation.

John Hamilton, engineer on the locomotive that was pushing the cars on the side track, said that he was going to draw out all the cars ahead so as to get at a car with a broken drawbar, that it might be taken to the turntable and turned so that it could be connected to the train and taken away. There was a car of lumber ahead of the engine on which the head brakeman stood and gave signals to him; had run back on the track a short distance, stopped and started again; did not know Mr. Martin was there or hurt, till he saw men carrying him away.

Wm. Horton, head brakeman, testified to the same as the engineer; he was receiving signals from the middle brakeman and reporting them to the engineer; Mr. Martin was three cars from him; did not see him till he staggered out from between the cars.

Edward Dunlap, middle brakeman, gave the signal to back and then stepped between two cars to make a connection; did not see Mr. Martin till he stepped out from between the cars.

F. H. Billings, conductor, was on the ground some twenty feet from Mr. Martin; was taking numbers of cars and did not know Mr. Martin was there till he heard him scream and saw him stagger out from between the cars.

All of the railroad men were questioned at some length relative to the construction of freight cars, the possibility of accident from coupling, etc.

Bradford Stone testified to a conversation with Mr. Martin, in which the latter told how he was going to dispose of several cars.

This closed the hearing, the case being so purely accidental that it was not deemed necessary to call other witnesses.

BIOGRAPHICAL, ETC.

Mr. Martin was born in Grafton, N. H., where he resided most of his life previous to his coming to Southbridge, fourteen years ago. He began business as a merchant, but soon turned his attention to railroading, and was for

some time in the employ of the Northern railroad of New Hampshire. He was much esteemed in his native place and had held all the offices in the town. He was always a republican in politics, and was several times honored with a nomination to legislature and other positions, but the town and district were strongly democratic so that when party lines were drawn he was never elected. He was a colonel of militia, and at the breaking out of the rebellion the governor of the state offered him the colonelcy of a regiment going to the war. A consideration for his family alone led him to decline the honor.

Since he has been a resident of Southbridge he has always stood high in the esteem of the people here. His uniform good nature, his accommodating disposition, his fidelity to the interests of his employers, his enterprise, his strict integrity and unimpeachable general character have ever made him a highly respected citizen. His position has been at times a trying one; for the managers of the corporation would not always look at its interests in the same light as the business men here, and he was consequently placed between two fires. In such cases he always acted with rare tact and often did much to prevent bad feeling on the one hand and a loss of business on the other. In the death of Mr. Martin the road loses a valuable officer. In 1876 the town recommended him to this representative district as its choice for representative and he was nominated and elected, serving with credit to himself and the district.

The community feel much sympathy for his afflicted family. It is seldom that any one dies where so many expressions of kindly regard and feeling are heard as in this case.

Some of the men prominent in the management of the railroad company offered an extra train Sunday to convey railroad men and others who might wish to attend the funeral, but the friends felt delicate about such a demonstration and the train was not run.

Much interest is manifested among the business men of the place as to who shall be Mr. Martin's successor at the depot. The railroad business of the town is so large that the local agent of the road is brought into frequent contact with the business men here, and can do much to promote or interrupt their interests. There is a universal hope that the position may be given to Albert W. Martin, son of the deceased, who, by a long service here with his father, knows the duties and routine of the place, and stands well with the people with whom the road has dealings.

It is a curious coincidence that the deceased Mr. Martin's father was suddenly killed by a railroad accident, and that both died on the same day of the same month—Sept. 3.

Personal.

Frank Vinton returned yesterday.

Noble Janes of Chicago has been visiting Wm. C. Barnes.

Gardner Benson has left Putnam to accept an advantageous offer in New Haven.

Rev. F. Magwire was suddenly called out of town on account of the death of his mother.

About twenty-five friends of Chas. Bartlett gave him a surprise last Friday evening, it being his 21st birthday. They enjoyed a pleasant evening and left a fine gold pen and pencil as a reminder of the occasion.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The first of this season's social receptions was held in the association rooms last week Thursday evening, and it called together a very good company of the members and friends of the association. At 8 o'clock the following program was presented:

Piano solo, by Miss Mary Plimpton.
Cornet solo, "Romanza," *Renzi*
Thomas Oldham.
Duet, "See the pale moon."
Misses Searles.
Reading, "Life," by Miss Alice Booth.
Solo, "At Benediction."
Miss Florence King.
Violin solo, Waltz. *Walttenfel*
Fred. W. Rowley.
Reading, "Now that the day is done."
Miss Minnie Cady.
Solo, "Going to market."
Miss Minnie Searles.
Quartet, "I love my love in the morning."
Miss Stone, Mrs. Carpenter, Messrs. Carpenter and Monroe.

At the conclusion of these exercises a few athletes gave a short exhibition in the gymnasium.

—Dresser Opera House was well filled last Friday evening in spite of the free show going on in the street at the same time. If a company ever captured a Southbridge audience it was done by the Gilbert Opera Company with their presentation of the "Mikado" on that evening. Their costumes are superb, of the most costly material and in the height of Japanese fashion. The singing was excellent, no poor voice among them. The most amusing characters are Ko-Ko, lord high executioner of Titipu, and Pooh-Bah, lord high everything else. The truth is, the "Mikado" is thoroughly novel and enjoyable from beginning to end, as performed by Mr. Gilbert's company. They deserve a good house wherever they go, and they will be sure to get it when their merits are fully known.

—The business men and citizens of this town, sympathizing with M. M. Marble in his recent loss by burglary, subscribed a sum that will cover at least two-thirds of his loss. The presentation was made by one of our leading grocerymen in behalf of the firms and citizens last Tuesday noon. It was a complete surprise to Mr. Marble, who undertook to respond in a very feeling manner, but by this time our groceryman had made good his departure. Mr. Marble's feelings can better be imagined than described.

—The New London and Windham County Teachers' Association began its convention in Norwich May 14. The programme for the day was opened by a paper from S. C. Minor of Greenville, in answer to the question, "Does our graded school system properly regard the rights of pupils?" Prof. J. A. Butterfield gave an illustration of vocal music teaching, and the feat of the Providence institute last year was at least equaled by the singing by the pupils at sight of two fairly difficult compositions, for the first time shown them. One was in C, three-fourths time, with many accidentals, and the other in G flat, three-fourths time. At the afternoon session Miss Myra B. Martin of this town was elected president, S. C. Minor vice-president and S. G. Williams secretary and treasurer. The subject of the session was "History," Prof. Merrill of Willimanitic leading. In the evening Rev. L. G. Davis gave readings and Prof. E. H. Russell of Massachusetts spoke upon the "A B C of Education." Miss Martin has the honor of being the first lady president elected.

The Athenaeum, the literary society, organized by the members of the high school, has elected the following officers: President, W. W. Brackett, '87; Vice-President, John Whittaker, '88; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Sadie Bugbee, '89; Committee of three, Miss Theresa Monroe, '87, Miss Bertha King, '88, John Freeman, '89. The society intend to hold meetings weekly.

There are only ten pensioners on the rolls who have lost a leg at the hip joint.

The Universalist Sunday School had their annual picnic at Sabin's Grove, Walker pond, last Tuesday. The weather was fine, attendance good and the day an enjoyable one for all present.

Obituary.

It becomes our duty to record the death of John H. Marcy of Boston, a former resident of this town. He was in the employ of Edwards & Co., as a clerk which place he left in 1861 to take an important position in the custom house at Boston where he has remained through several administrations until the present time. He was a modest, quiet, unasuming man and was well liked by all who knew him. He leaves a family to mourn his loss. Oct. 79.

Austin Sumner, formerly a prominent dry-goods merchant on Milk street, died at his residence in Boston, Wednesday. Mr. Sumner was a native of Southbridge, where he begun business as a young man. In 1845 he went to Boston and established the dry-goods jobbing house of Sumner, Brewer & Co., on Milk street, of whom Austin Sumner, John R. Brewer and John R. Kimball, of Woburn, were the copartners. About 1850 Mr. Brewer retired, and the firm became Austin Sumner & Co. In 1852 E. O. Tufts was admitted to the partnership, the firm name remaining the same. July 1, 1862, Mr Tufts succeeded to the business as E. O. Tufts & Co., and Mr. Sumner retired. Since that time he has not been in active business beyond a directorship in manufacturing companies and a five-years' treasurership of the Merchants' Woolen company of Dedham. He was a prominent director in the Eagle bank. He was a life member of the Young Men's Christian union, in which he took a lively interest, but he never held public office or took a prominent part in public affairs. He was twice married. His first wife, by whom he had two children, died in '51, and he married Miss Sargent, a daughter of Capt. Epes Sargent and sister of Bishop Huntington's wife, by whom also he had two children. He enjoyed good health until last year, when his life was despaired of for about seven months. But he had recovered and had of late been in good health for one of his years. He was a merchant of excellent business capacity and of strict integrity. His word was as good as his note, and his note was as good as any man's. His firm went through all the financial panics between '45 and '60 without suspension or compromise. Oct. 1879.

The schools have all closed but the high school which is examined today. Mr. Thurston, the principal, has won many compliments from pupils and parents for his scholarship and tact. The high school scholars pic-nicked at Walker pond, Saturday. June 1884

Austin Sumner. Oct. 1879.

When one like Austin Sumner passes away, or, as we prefer it, passes along, the pride with which we contemplate his character should soften to some extent, if not compensate for such a loss. We are aware that this is poor consolation to those most near and dear; but he has gone from our sight and it seems fitting that some just estimate of his rare qualities should be considered. Our acquaintance commenced more than forty years ago, when in the old store in Globe Village. He thus early in life displayed those qualities which made him so successful in business and so loved and honored as a man. In his immediate circle he was a born leader. He never courted luck, but business with him meant business, and nothing else. Head work, close application, and the most rigid integrity brought this merited result. And the great beauty of his life was that he gathered

"Not for to hide it in a hedge or for a train attendant,
But for the glorious privilege of being independent."

His independence meant generosity to all and overflowing benevolence to the suffering and sorrowing on every hand. His love of his native town, or as he used familiarly to call it, "Old Southbridge," was very strong. Often has it been our privilege to visit there and enjoy with him a reunion with the few of his acquaintances now left, known long, long ago, and dearly prized by him. The lesson of such a life is a rich legacy, and though we may no more see his pleasant face or grasp his warm hand, he will not soon be forgotten. With the poec we say:

"I see, I see thee still;
Thou art not in the grave confined.
Death cannot claim the immortal mind,
Let earth close over its sacred trust,
But goodness lies not in the dust.,'

M.

—The following is the vote on the license question in the towns in this vicinity:

	1886.		1885.	
	NO.	YES,	NO.	YES.
Charlton,	95	21	61	40
Leominster,	356	367	217	244
N. Brookfield,	358	229	273	286
Sturbridge,	99	2	49	94
Sutton,	155	62	152	109
Warren,	234	169	201	201
Webster,	172	398	112	419
W. Brookfield,	100	0	151	0
Brookfield,	147	197	160	144
Dudley,	112	108	62	136
Harvard,	53	3	64	20
Northbridge,	176	96	87	45
Oxford,	219	45	133	135
Southbridge,	338	350	266	356

Rollers. Jan 11 1884

The skating rink was crowded last Wednesday evening to see the feats of O'Rouke and Allison the champion double team and trick skaters. They went through a number of wonderful performances—going over eight chairs, jumping rope, waltzing, etc., to the entire satisfaction of the spectators.

Next Wednesday evening there will be a grand apple picking contest—the skater who picks up the most apples will be given a whole barrel full.

June 11 About Advertising.

Shall a merchant advertise? Or, shall he keep the best stock of goods and leave the world to find out the fact for itself? Strict integrity and close attention to one's business are always necessary to any success, no matter how moderate. But no great business can be gained or kept except by some methods of advertising. Every place has many instances of merchants who tried to do business on their unheralded merits and failed.

Getting a bargain is the second law of nature, male and female. The merchant who persistently and continually proclaims to the people that he has the bargains will draw the crowd. And in the hurrying, busy, eager life of today it is the large and persistent advertiser who attracts the attention of the public. He who waits for the people to discover unaided by his advertising the merits of his store will wait only to see his business dwindle away to nothing. Advertising is to business what vigorous health is to the body—one can drag along an existence without it; but existence is not life any more than the simple fact of having something to sell is business. Shall then a merchant advertise? Yes, if he wishes to be one long. The world is full of undiscovered merit—but that is not its fault.—*Philadelphia Call.*

Globe Council.

An exceedingly interesting feature of the last meeting of Globe Council Home Circle, was the reading of one of their papers called the *Journal*, Mrs. Jos. S. Bartlett editress. Among the contents of the paper were editorials, poems, local news, household topics and an illustrated fashion article from sketches by its own special artist. With the next issue of this paper will be presented to each one of its subscribers a magnificent portrait of the artist.

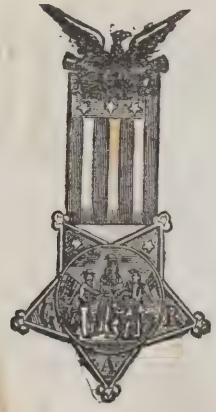
The members of the council expect soon to be photographed in a body by a local amateur photographer.

some time in the employ of the North-

Southbridge Journal.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1886.

THE HONORED DEAD.



Their Graves Strewn with Flowers.

Memories of the Rebellion.

Observances in this Vicinity.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE IN SOUTHBRIDGE.

The members of Malcolm Ammidown post attended the Congregational church, Sunday, to listen to an appropriate sermon by Rev. J. Danielson. His text was: "There is no discharge in that war," Eccl. viii:8; "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," II Timothy ii:3. By way of introduction he alluded to the frequency of war in the world's history, to the number of heroes who were military men, and to the fact that they were as a rule young men. Noticing the ages of Alexander, Cæsar, Frederick the Great, Napoleon, Wellington, Lafayette, Washington, Grant, Sherman and Sheridan. No field of human achievements offers such rapid opportunity for the development of genius as the battlefield. The speaker next alluded to the holy character of many wars and the Christian character of such soldiers as Constantine, Cromwell and his Ironsides, Col. Havelock's troops; saying that the defence of a nation is more in moral character than in armed force. Human life is itself a battle, in which one has often to face public sentiment and ridicule. A decent moral character can be acquired only by contest; and a struggle is required for a religious character. The most graphic picture of a Christian is that of a soldier. The summing up of a life of Christian work was expressed in these words, "I have fought a good fight." The elements of similarity between the literal and spiritual soldiers were—the spirit of self denial, decision, obedience, courage and enthusiasm. An eloquent tribute was paid to the soldiers of the rebellion and their deeds, and attention called to the propriety of annually recalling to mind their devotion. Human memorials of soldiery valor were compared with Christian memorials. The sermon concluded with the thought that the gospel carried out would be the harmonizer of the world.

The church was well filled with interested hearers. The choir had an excellent musical program including two quartets, and a solo by Miss Carrie Stone.

MONDAY IN SOUTHBRIDGE.

The exercises of the day passed off in much the usual manner. The weather being beautiful a large number were in attendance. The showy uniforms of the fire department added very materially to the parade. Much credit is also due to the Cercle Canadien for turning out in such full ranks. Mechanics band was in good condition and furnished excellent music. There were no ceremonies at the Catholic cemetery, aside from decorating the graves, all of the Catholic clergy being unavoidably absent at a conference at Worcester.

At Oak Ridge cemetery there was singing by Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, Miss Mattie Searles and Ernest W. Winter, prayer by Rev. F. Magwire and an address by Rev. W. J. Pomfret. By way of introduction he alluded to the sacredness and growing importance of the day, and announced his theme, "The National Idea and its Relation to the Honored Dead." This continent was not known to the old world till 1492 and hence at the time of its settlement was free from the customs and traditions of the old world, free from its perils, and at liberty to embrace what was best in the old world institutions. In the first settlements of the Spanish, French, Dutch and English, was no trace of our National Idea. Its germ came with the Pilgrims, full of industry, intelligence, love of freedom and religion. The first fruits were seen at Philadelphia, July 4, 1776. But in founding the constitution, an inconsistency crept in, and slavery grew till it claimed the right to control. It denied the National Idea and the nation itself. We met slavery and poured out many lives and much treasure to establish a nation with a capital N and freedom with a capital F. Now that the inconsistency is removed, the speaker said he did not wish to stir up hatred or to increase factional division; but he denounced as maudlin sentiment the talk of decorating all graves alike—the blue and gray alike. This should not be done till it can be shown that there is no difference between freedom and slavery, loyalty and treason, right and wrong. It is fitting that the nation should pause, that the noise of business should cease, and that pleasure should be prohibited, to do honor one day in the year to the honored dead. The white of the flowers is emblem of the purity of their patriotism, the red is an emblem of their sacrifice, and the green that they shall be ever held in remembrance. Let us renew vows of fidelity to the nation and enkindle a patriotic devotion in younger hearts. Members of the Grand Army, as your numbers are yearly diminishing, remember that another government is asking for the heart of each one. As we hate treason and honor the memory of the departed, let us be loving and faithful soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The exercises concluded with another selection by the quartet, singing America by the audience, led by the band, and benediction by the chaplain. No more successful observance of the day has ever been held in town. The addition to the list of graves to be decorated includes those of Joseph Schessler, Jason Smith and Dr. S. C. Hartwell. Business was generally suspended during the afternoon.

Jan 11 **Corporation Notes.** 1884

The Southbridge savings bank is paying 2 percent to depositors.

Some Hamilton Woolen company's stock was advertised at the auction sales in Boston, Saturday, but was passed.

A. M. Goodale has withdrawn from his position as agent of the Hamilton Woolen company at Salisbury, to take charge of a similar position in Waltham.

Fifty shares of Hamilton Woolen company's stock were sold in Boston, Wednesday, for 100, the lowest point this stock has touched for many years.

Irwin & Co's Spring Opening.

The warm days of spring may be late in appearing but the milliners are punctual with the spring bonnets, blossoms and devices for beautifying the feminine head. It has become a custom in all large millinery establishments to spare nothing in expense of time and labor in order that the regular "opening" day shall be attractive to the ladies—most of whom wait to see what will be shown then before purchasing or deciding what to wear.

This week Irwin & Co. have their usual spring opening and the customary large number of visitors. Good taste has been used freely in decorating and arranging the room which contains a bewildering variety of flowers, laces and ribbons. The general features of the hats and bonnets are not much changed from the winter, only more accented, the hats being yet larger the bonnets smaller. The extreme size of the hats is much commented on and affords room for lavish trimming while the close small bonnet appears yet smaller by contrast.

Milan, chip, rough straws, tuscan and lace braids are used and the ribbons which trim them are a picture in themselves. Some are brocaded in rich floral patterns, others are watered and are very broad while the newest is the *failletine* which has a fine rep the luster being of satin. These ribbons are mostly in plain solid colors, the shaded and variegated ribbon having lost its popularity which was extreme while it lasted. Flowers are to be more used this season and special taste has been given to their construction.

The variety which is displayed at Irwin & Co's, calls forth the whole vocabulary of feminine adjectives. It is true some of the blossoms are not copied faithfully from nature, as for instance a blue pond lilly, but the lillies are so graceful, and fill the demand for a drooping flower which is so well liked that they may be excused for appearing in all colors. The closely quilled aster is another flower which is always a favorite. Wild roses, great crushed roses and the modest daisy are to be worn as well as *montures* formed of small flowers.

We notice less of gilt and steel ornaments, and it is in better taste to leave these heavier decorations for the winter season. Long pins with heads of gilt or silver, are used to hold trimming in place and look well as they have the appearance of use. Laces in millinery as in other decorations of dress are an important garniture. Their names are numerous, and their beauty is within the reach of all as the handsomest laces are now imitated so closely by machinery as not to be detected. A parisian fancy is a twine lace which is imitated in a modified form and used somewhat in millinery.

Space will not allow the mention of all the handsome trimmed bonnets, but a a few will be noticed. A small black bonnet which is extremely stylish has the crown covered with black net over which are rows of large cut jet beads. Finely jetted lace in frills encircles the small brim and a large spray of mignonette ornaments one side. Strongly in contrast with this is an immense hat, the Huntress, of very fine *ecru* Milan. The under side of the brim is lined with black velvet and edged with small *marguerites*. Two long maize colored plumes caught back at the brim lay over the crown and *failletine* ribbon of the same color is carelessly pinned on with gold headed pins. While these two would represent the elegance of the milliner's work there are other pleasing hats. A hat of prune colored chip rolling high off the face is lined with velvet of prune color; loops of wide satin ribbon and shaded tips decorate the left front and a garland of wild roses the right side. A small bonnet, the Odette, in white chip is simply trimmed with *moire* pink ribbon and garnet and pink ostrich tips with a facing of velvet. This latter material is largely used in trimming both the outer as well as inside of bonnets and always looks well in combination with lace. A neat little poke bonnet in tuscan straw has a brown plaiting of velvet inside and a twist of the same on the crown intermingled with brown watered ribbon which formes the ties. A spray of pond lilies completes the trimming. An elegant Tyrol hat of fine white leghorn has the edge finished by a pufling of white velvet. A twist of velvet encircles the crown where four large loops and long ends of white brocaded ribbon fall from the back. Another broad hat, the Countess, in yellow tuscan has loops of light blue satin ribbon let into the brim and crown at intervals, and the lined brim caught up with pink roses and light blue tips.

The trimming of the hats is more on the brim than crown which is left quite uncovered. This is noticeable in a large hat of pearl colored satin braid which had a scarf of garnet velvet, and wreath of dark centred daisies upon its outer brim, while the inside is faced with garnet velvet and a quilling of lace. A pretty bonnet of pink crape is trimmed with field daisies, spanish lace and pink *failletine* ribbon An artistic bonnet of fancy straw has imitation twine lace inside the face, and a cascade of the same one side of the crown —beige and olive ribbon and two tips shaded from olive to pink.

For little folks there are pretty little shapes; popular trimmings for the same are silk pompons. These are now made in different styles, one of which is in the form of *marguerites* which are strung together.

The ladies ought not to miss the opportunity of visiting Irwin & Co's today and tomorrow and seeing for themselves the beauty of the display which it is difficult to portray with the pen.

A. E. W.

The population of this town numbers 2742 with 283 native born voters and 163 naturalized. There are 563 families averaging 4.87 persons each. Twenty families include but one person and one numbers twenty four individuals.

Bowdoin College Graduates.

The election of Messrs. Haggerty and Whitaker to office at the recent election, suggests the important part Bowdoin college has played in the educational affairs of this town, an influence somewhat remarkable considering the far away location and relative size of the institution.

Ambrose Eastman of the class of 1854, taught the high school nearly three years and was shortly afterward succeeded by Henry Dame of the class of 1857 who taught for some time and married a Southbridge lady.

Rev. E. B. Palmer of the class of 1856 was pastor of the Congregational church for five years, and a valued member of the school committee for much of the time. He is now one of the board of overseers of the college.

Edwin Emery, of the class of 1861 taught the high school nearly ten years and was on the library committee five years, doing invaluable work in the starting the library.

Rev. J. E. Fullerton, of the class of 1865, was pastor of the Congregational church for some time.

Geo. M. Whitaker, of the class of 1872, was first elected on the library committee for three years in 1882, and served three years on the school committee beginning April 1880

Charles Haggerty, recently elected on the school committee for three years, was graduated in the class of 1881, and is highly commended by the faculty of the institution.

In this connection it may also be interesting to know that the principals of Leicester and Woodstock academies are graduates of the same institution, as is Dr. Reed of Sturbridge. Congressman Rice is also a Bowdoin graduate.

Rev. G. Beekman.

FISKDALE, April 20, 1885.

We are in receipt of the *Free Press* of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, with a notice of the golden wedding of P. C. Tiffany. a Southbridge boy who went West in 1838. Mrs. Tiffany is a native of Sturbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Frost celebrated their golden wedding at the residence of their son George Frost in Sandersdale Saturday evening, the 24th, in a very pleasant manner. About forty-five of their relatives and friends assembled for a social reunion and congratulations to the bride and groom. A purse of $30 and many useful presents were left as tokens of love and friendship.

[Communicated.]

Obituary.

Frank Edwards of this town was born here April 2, 1852, and died at the Parker house Boston, June 19, 1882, of congestion of the brain induced by over-exertion and heat. Its announcement here last week Monday evening in a brief dispatch to his brother was a shock that startled us with its suddenness and halted us upon the streets, to express our feelings of mingled doubt and wonder how in the hour of his apparent vigorous health, he should fall in death. But the message was too true and his friends were left to mourn his loss, and to review their memories of his life.

Frank was a young man of great energy, and more than ordinary capacity to prompt and careful attention to the details of business; quiet and undemonstrative in his demeanor, and well constituted to keep things moving with ease and without anxiety to those with whom he was associated. They could and did place implicit confidence in his integrity, and the fullest assurance that nothing would be overlooked that should be seen to. He was naturally a good scholar and at one time had some idea of going to college and with that view passed over the necessary preparatory course of study at Exeter, N. H., but his assistance was needed at home and he yielded his own personal ambition to the wishes of his family friends, and at once while a boy in age began to make his life servicable to them in business, and ever since has been found useful there and a pillar of strength and reliance. He was naturally cheerful and pleasant in manner, a generous, frank and agreeable companion, fond of sport, and considerate in his deportment, and thoughtful of the feelings of others around him. He was always ready to defend the shortcoming of a friend. For this reason the friendships and attachments he formed were sincere, warm and lasting, and those within the charmed circle will never forget him, his thoughtfulness for them and how cheerfully he would share if not himself bear their burdens. The harsh word never escaped his lips and his presence was like the sunshine among these. They will also bear witness to his consciousness of a rectitude of character that made him sensitive of his honor, and to a degree that none but his immediate and closest confidents were permitted to understand by the confessions of his heart, what causes of pain and mental suffering he had from the realization that unjust criticism and foul suspicion, unreal in truth and fact, had possessed the minds of some and deprived him of the united public confidence in his rectitude he wished to enjoy, he bore within himself to the world at large uncomplainingly and to himself as shafts that tortured his very soul unceasingly. He was a person of fine sensibility, unselfish in his nature, honest in his motives and aims, and was conscious of it, and therefore of that sort that would conceal and disguise his feelings and await the time for the vindication he hoped would come. But death was the relief vouchsafed to him from that sorrow of his life which overshadowed it with sadness sometimes and disappointment always, that was the real evidence of the nobility of his character. Malignant hate alone shall further pursue his soul into the silent land, but his friends will cherish their knowledge of what he was, as a token of a true manhood, and their memory of the life he lived with the affectionate regard he had long ago justly secured and held to the end.

It will be a difficult task to fill the space he occupied in business affairs, and it is safe to say that among the merchants of the town he was well esteemed and respected. Our people extend their heartfelt sympathy to his widow and her young children, the aged father, and his brother and sister to whom he was so dear, and his life so important and valuable. That the public shared in this was most manifest by the large gathering at his funeral, and the beautiful floral tributes that surrounded his grave. B.

The members of the Royal Arcanum and their families had a pleasant social meeting last Tuesday evening at the society hall. A quartet composed of C. D. Munroe, J. F. B. Litchfield, Chas. W. Hill and J. A. King sang two selections; J. A. King read two pieces; J. F. B. Litchfield and Miss Minnie Searles sang a duett, and there was an instrumental trio by Miss Cora Carpenter on organ, Fred Rowley on violin and J. A. King piccalo. After these exercises there was a collation followed by dancing. The arrangements were very successfully carried out and the affair was in every way enjoyable. The dancing of the young people was an entertaining and pleasing feature.

D. D. Clemence was in town last week.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Boys' meeting next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This will be the last meeting until September. All boys are cordially invited to be present.

Meeting for young men Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Topic: "Persistent in service." Judges viii, 4; Rom. ii, 7. A cordial welcome is extended to all young men, whether members of the association or not.

The monthly business meeting of the association will be held at the usual hour Monday evening. Any desirous of becoming members are requested to send in their names.

All who want an enjoyable evening, and at the same time contribute to the welfare of the Y. M. C. A., should not fail to attend the strawberry festival to-morrow (Friday) evening in the association rooms, where an abundance of the usual delicacies will be in waiting. During the evening the following musical programme will be presented: Quartet, the Misses Searles and Messrs. Litchfield and Winter; duet, Miss Minnie Searles and E. W. Winter; solo, Miss Mattie Searles; trio, the Misses Searles and Mrs. H. N. Carpenter; solo, Mrs. H. N. Carpenter; trio, the Misses Searles and Ernest W. Winter: quartet, the Misses Searles and Messrs. Litchfield and Winter.

Business.

Hamilton Woolen Company stock keeps on tumbling. Three shares selling at 50 Saturday.

A new boiler for the American Optical company was drawn from the railroad to their works Saturday.

The Hamilton Woolen company has been repairing and remodeling the upper parts of the building over the boilers.

In addition to the favorable business exhibit reported last week, it should be noted that the Hamilton Woolen Company's woolen department is quite busy.

NOVEMBER 7, 1884.

Frank A., son of W. C. Barnes, died last Friday after a brief illness of typhoid fever. At the funeral Wednesday his classmates in the Universalist Sunday school and the members of the high school escorted the procession to the cemetery.

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FIRE! FIRE!! 1883.

The Most Anxious Afternoon Southbridge Ever Knew.

At about 2:45 Monday afternoon, the barn of Dr. L. W. Curtis on Pleasant street was discovered in flames, which were spreading rapidly. The alarm was duly sounded by the Main street engine house bell and the Hamilton Woolen Company's print works whistle, and the news was telephoned to the exchange from which it was spread as much as possible among firemen and interested parties having telephones. After this the operator left his post and rang the Central street engine house bell; by this time, from hearing the sound of the whistle, the sight of the rising smoke, the telephone information, and the bells, the news had got thoroughly disseminated.

At this time a heavy cloud of black smoke rolled heavenward, obscuring the sun, and giving things the appearance of the famous yellow day.

The scene in this vicinity for the next few hours was one of hard work and the greatest excitement. There are a large number of tenement houses near by which were in imminent danger, as was Dr. Curtis' residence which was connected with the barn by a long shed. The wind was blowing at a very rapid rate

The entire roof of Dr. Curtis' barn was in flames, and the smoke was pouring from every possible place, when the fire was discovered. It made rapid headway and before the alarm was given and any help arrived, the Hamilton Woolen Company's barn was also doomed. The fire worked with marvelous rapidity. The heat was intense. The air was filled with flying shingles and brands. Family after family moved their effects, expecting that the fire would mow a swath through the village and end no one knew where.

The fire department was not as prompt in getting at work as sometimes. Steamer No. 2 had to wait for horses and for men, the members of the company working all the way from Westville to the spec shop; steamer No. 1 got a good start but broke a spring in going to the fire and finally set at the Pleasure pond, while the hose had been run from a hydrant of the company's and water got through it. The first water came from steamer No. 2, and not a moment too soon, as the fate of the doctor's residence then hung in the balance and the household goods were being removed. This stream was directed on the ell connecting the house and barn, by men who braved almost suffocating heat. It soon began to gain the mastery, and ultimately conquered. The machine kept at work for ten hours playing on the house, the ruins of the barns, and protecting adjacent property, with no intermission except a few moments when a length of hose burst. It was assisted a portion of the time by a stream from the print works' force pump, which suffered the common delay in getting a start.

A large gang of watchers and workers had all they could do in saving other property. In this they were assisted by water from the "big mill" force pump, which was also delayed at the start by the bursting of one hydrant and the accidental leaving another open. The brick boarding-house caught fire several times on the west end and once once on the east end, which made considerable trouble. The three long tenement houses on Mill street were on fire at different times, and were saved only by the utmost vigilance. There was a hard but successful fight to save the long shed between the boarding-house and the Hamilton Woolen company's barn. This was so near the barn that the heat at times was almost unendurable, but if it had got on fire the flames would have doubtless spread to two or three more buildings, so the contest never wavered till the shed was safe.

In the large tenement house at the corner of Mill street and Brick row a child was born during the fire, and the doctor said it would be death to the mother to move her. This house was watched with more than even ordinary vigilance. The roof took fire once, and at another time smoke was discovered issuing from an attic window; it was found that a brand had lodged in a corner of the building and burned so as to drop through into the space between the boarding and the plaster, where it was gaining a fine start. It was discovered just in time to save the house and possibly a life.

Other buildings that took fire were two houses in the "brick village," Dr. Curtis's frame house on Brick row, a shed in the mill yard, the Johnson house at the corner of Mill and River streets, (this was on fire several times), and the Union church horse sheds, to say nothing of several smaller woodhouses. There were reports of other fires in the vicinity, which we have been unable to verify. There was also a story that the River street bridge was on fire.

On the upper end of Mill street there were slight fires on the roofs of tenement houses owned by S. K. Edwards, Remi Surprenant and the Marcy heirs, also the residence of Judson McIntire.

About the time that the steamer was passing the freight house was discovered in flames at each end. A line of hose was quickly run out from the new mill, and water was just being turned on when an order for the hose came from the other fire, and it was taken away. Nothing remained but to let the depot burn. A large crowd of workers assembled and removed nearly all the contents from the building. A locomotive was attached to freight cars, which were filled and drawn to places of safety.

It is said that, in clearing out the freight depot,

Those worked who never worked before,
And those who'd worked only worked the more.

There were then three large buildings in flames with a strong gale blowing. Bits of burning shingles blew in every direction. Some were brought into our office yesterday that were picked up by Theodore Frost in the southwest part of Charlton, two miles from here, and we have heard of similar pieces being found four and five miles away.

The passenger depot took fire from the flying sparks and was saved by a vigorous fight from the bucket brigade. A locomotive was run by the side of the building and a ladder placed from that to the roof; water was dipped from the tender tank, handed up the ladder and put where it would do the most good. But for a time the fight was a desperate one, and the building was cleared of its contents. Miss Burton telegraphed to Boston that both buildings were in flames and would probably be totally destroyed, and then removed the instruments.

There are differences of opinion as to how the freight depot caught. Some think that sparks from the steamer, caused the trouble; but by comparing facts related by a number of different observers, we think that it is more probable that it was caused by brands from the barns.

The building occupied by Mr. Callahan and Messrs. Eagan & Farland took fire on the roof, but was extinguished without much trouble.

A fire started on the roof of the residence nearly opposite the passenger station also.

Edwards Grain Co's store also got on fire, where it was difficult to get water. The flames were extinguished by the contents of a recently-charged soda

fountain from S. Crory's bottling establishment in the next building. The Edwards Grain company's store house furnished the next lodging place for the flying fire brands, and the fire had made a good start on the east end when steamer No. 1 reached this scene of trouble and was stationed at the Hamilton street reservoir. The stream extinguished the fire on the store house and kept other roofs in the vicinity so wet down that there was no further trouble in this locality. The steamer worked about two and one-half hours from this reservoir.

In the new village there were five buildings on fire at one time—one on Oliver and four on Cross street. The building on Oliver street had a narrow escape, as the fire was on an unoccupied tenement and there was delay in getting at it.

Two of the tenement houses on Dresser hill and the old blacksmith shop of the Dresser Manufacturing company also took fire.

A flying brand set fire to M. M. Marble's barn on the Charlton road and burned a hole through the roof. Fortunately it happened over some straw not thoroughly dried and spread so slowly that it was extinguished by Mr. Marble and his son. Had the fire caught a few feet further along—over some dry hay—the barn could not have been saved, and the house connected with the barn would probably have been burned.

The afternoon was one of the intensest anxiety. So many buildings were on fire and the brands were flying in such a manner, that no one knew where the next serious blaze would come. Many a property owner watched his home with the greatest care, knowing full well that if it once got on fire, he could get no help from the fire department, already overworked. The factories shut down and the help all turned out to fight the fire fiend.

LOSSES.

Dr. Curtis lost in addition to his barn its contents, which included forty to fifty tons of hay, fifty bushels of rye, cotton seed meal, corn meal, shorts, horse power, ensilage cutter, mowing machines, express wagon, sulky plow, and farming tools. His loss is from four to five thousand dollars and his insurance $1,150.

Dr. Curtis's loss on barn, contents, residence and personal property was adjusted by the payment of $1875 yesterday.

The Hamilton Woolen Company's barn was unusually well built and contained from seventy-five to eighty-five tons of hay, besides many tools, etc. Loss $5,000, with no insurance. The company has done much of its own insurance on its outside buildings.

The railroad company lost its freight building, a pile of bridge timber, besides damage to turn table and passenger station, in all about $1,000. Insured in Boston.

Most of the contents of the freight house was saved. There was lost about $100 worth of rags, a hogshead of molasses, five sacks of salt, eight cases of Hamilton Woolen Company's prints, some telephone material, castings for Fiskdale mills, a few empty barrels. Some cases of ginger ale and soda beer were saved, but on picking up the ruins, the contents were minus.

The Edwards Grain Company's loss to buildings and corn, meal, cement, etc., is about $600. Insured.

CAUSE.

The cause of the fire at Dr. Curtis' barn is not known. It might have been boys playing about the barn, or incendiarism. The latter theory is considered the most plausible.

Patrick Welsh was arrested on suspicion of having set fire to Dr. Curtis' barn and arraigned before Judge Jillson Wednesday. It was shown that he had been suspiciously near the building, that he had had trouble with Dr. Curtis, and threatened to get even with him, and that he had told contradictory stories. On the other hand it was proved that the fire took in the hay near the ridge pole, a place which a man seventy years old like Welsh could hardly get at. He was discharged from custody for lack of evidence.

NOTES.

Dr. Curtis had one silo all filled in the basement of the barn.

John S. Williams received severe bruises on one hand and foot.

The Hamilton street reservoir—so much opposed at the start—paid for itself.

The Central Mills company had hose attached to the force pumps and kept its twine mill wet down.

When the danger was the most threatening the selectmen telephoned to Webster for a steamer, but soon after countermanded the order.

Some of the "boys" that used to run with the machine got the old "Tiger" out in the excitement, but it was not used.

The Hamilton company has fitted up the long shed on Mill street for the team horses which were formerly kept in the barn.

The railroad company has hired the basement of Edwards Grain company's store for a temporary freight depot, and a gang of men began constructing a platform Wednesday afternoon.

The telephone company had four circuits on the passenger depot, which were temporarily disarranged.

The telephone wires were all working by nine o'clock.

Many from neighboring towns drove to Southbridge to view the ruins.

Chief engineer Claflin and his associates had a very trying place, but no criticisms of them have come to our notice.

It was after five o'clock before the danger from flying cinders was entirely passed.

Many suffered a loss from sparks and cinders falling on their furniture and bedding which had been moved out doors.

There was a wonderful willingness of every one to work.

Each steamer paid for itself.

Rev. F. Magwire will take a four week's vacation, and the Universalist church will be closed during August.

Miss Nellie Horton is away for two weeks and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Marsh of Providence, R. I.

The families of P. T. Litchfield and J. M. Cheney with invited friends enjoyed a picnic at Walker pond Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Chamberlain of Boston have just returned from a European tour and are at Nantasket for the remainder of the summer.

Bernard A. Leonard attended the dedication of the Baitholdi Statue in New York this week.

Dr. Allen was elected a member of the Massachusetts Homoeopathic society at a recent meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark, of Petersham, are guests of their relatives Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Walcott.

E. A. McIntosh, a former well known resident and active worker in the local Y. M. C. A. was in town last Friday. He has recently been elected general secretary of the New Haven Y. M. C. A. His many friends in town extend congratulations on his signal success in his chosen field of labor.

Anderson S. Ellis for many years employed as a machinist by the Hamilton Woolen company and who has for the past twenty years been the foreman of the machine shop at the big mill closed his services with the firm Wednesday. Advanced age and physical infirmities induced him to take this step. The position vacated by him will be taken by John Flynn foreman of the machine shop at the new mill and his place will be filled by his brother Patrick now employed at the big mill. We congratulate the boys on their well merited promotion.

Silver Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield S. Fitts celebrated the 25th anniversary of their wedding day at their home on Glover street, Globe Village, last Friday evening, April 9. Nearly one-hundred invited guests from Southbridge, Charlton and Worcester, Mass., and Killingly, Conn., being present to honor the enjoyable occasion.

The host in a few well chosen words and with a feeling which emanated from the deepest recess of the heart, welcomed the many friends of himself and wife and extended the hospitalities of their home, with the injunction for one and all to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent and have a grand good time generally.

Rev. Lucius Holmes of Charlton, who officiated at the "nuptial ceremony" a quarter of a century ago, was present, and who at the conclusion of his remarks, read the following original poem written by himself for the occasion:

Years five and twenty now have passed
In their persistent flight,
Yet still our happy lot is cast
To gather here tonight.

What changes o'er the world have gone,
In one-fourth hundred years.
How many to the grave been borne.
So wept, with burning tears.

And ways and style and life have changed,
—Environment of all—
Yet out of mercies reach, not ranged,
Love lasts to great and small.

Our friends tonight we fondly greet,
On this, the silver shore,
We sail with them, the ocean fleet,
Again, with golden oar.

Their mother still, like northern pine,
Stands proud against the sky,
And children too, support the line,
Grand ones, a crowding bye.

So let us each be merry now
In this bright wedding hour,
To one another pass the vow,
Our minds in good embow'r.

The grateful soul, the steady heart,
Our duties ever done,
Will keep us as we meet and part,
Unto the setting sun.

A morning land beyond we spy,
A realm of Unions all.
There, in the spacious, glowing sky,
The final wedding call.

Several letters of regret were read, among which was one from the only brother of the host, resident of Cincinnati, O., who though absent, remembered his brother and sister at this time in a very substantial and elegant token of affection; also another letter from their esteemed friend, Winfield S. Kilton, who always delighted in cracking a joke at the expense of the host whenever an opportunity offered, who in connection therewith, favored them with an original poem, which created considerable merriment for all present, especially to those acquainted with the circumstances.

Some five and twenty years ago
A lad, he would a wooing go—
Against the wishes of his pa
And also those of his mamma—
Who deemed him young with girls to go,
As he had yet, wild-oats to sow.
Besides, he had a patch upon his pants—
A pest among his cousins and his aunts—
Yet fearing naught across the cornfield o'er,
He met the blushing maiden at the farm-house door,
Who hailed with pure delight, this country lad
Who ran away from home and angry dad.
The die was cast, and lad and smiling lass
For yonder towering hills did quickly pass—
To Parson Holmes the twain did surely go
Who tied the silken knot for weal or woe—
While in these lines not pert or even witty
Will hail our Parson Holmes from Charlton City.
Now, patient friends, I think there'll be no harm
To wind up here with a ball of yarn,
And while I am no Byron, Poe or Milton,
Accept best wishes from your old friend Kilton.

Vocal and instrumental music was interspersed during the evening as follows: Cornet solo, by Thomas Oldham; trio, by Messrs. Oldham, Lee and Roan; song, by Miss Jennie Fitts; medley by Mr. Lee; duet, by Messrs. Oldham and Lee; song, by Miss Jennie Fitts and Mr. Lee; solos, by Messrs. Lee, Randall, Thompson and others.

A bounteous and substantial collation was served at a late hour, and after ample justice had been done this, the time was occupied "'till the wee sma' hours" in social intercourse, games, etc.

The floral-decorations were furnished by Messrs. Hodges and Cheney, florists, and were elegant and well arranged.

The bride and groom of twenty-five years ago, were the happy recipients of many elegant and valuable presents from their host of friends and relatives, present and absent, with best wishes for their future prosperity and happiness, and as they go hand in hand down life's barren pathway towards the setting sun, may they look back to this event as a bright and sparkling oasis amid the desert sands of this earthly pilgrimage.

The following presents were received: One elegant plush easy chair, one china dinner set, one black marble clock, bronze standard, one set of fine table linen, one dozen dinner knives and forks, two dozen fruit knives two knife and fork rests, six silver tea spoons, one silver pin, one pair cuff buttons, one gold and silver sugar spoon and case, one gold and silver berry spoon, two silver berry dishes, two silver ice pitchers, two silver casters, two silver pickle casters and forks, one silver sugar bowl and tongs, one silver spoon holder, one silver tooth pick stand, one silver match safe, one gold thimble, one silver card receiver, one painted brass plaque, two silver butter dishes, one silver tea pot, one silver cake basket, one box of cigars, twenty-five ten cent pieces, three silver dollars, one pair silver eye-glasses, one silk bed quilt.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Burlingame, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Burlingame and Miss Celia Fiske of Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Warren and Mrs. Fenner Burlingame of Killingly and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hammond of Charlton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott Fitts last week.

Personal.

Mrs. Eliza Bartlett is in town.

Wm. J. McGilpin is visiting in town. He has been away a year.

Wm. S. Harley of Providence is visiting at Wm. R. Paton's.

John P. Morrissey returned to town for a few days this week.

W. S. Kilton is confined at home by a sudden attack of hemorrhage.

Miss M. E. Butler went to New York, Thursday, to select stock of millinery.

W. Frank Miller of Worcester made a short visit among relatives in town last week.

Adolphus Merriam has been elected treasurer of the Washington and Potomac railroad, which was incorporated April 1. The road extends to Point Lookout; the entire length will be 80 miles, and from $800,000 to $1,000,000 will be required to complete and equip it.

We have received notices of the deaths of two persons once well known in this vicinity. Julia Camp Tiffany, wife of Edwin D. Tiffany, died March 9 in Hartford, at 76 years of age. Mr. Tiffany, who survives his wife, was formerly of this town. In 1828 he was an apprentice in the printing office of P. E. B. Botham, who was then publishing the *Moralist and General Intelligencer*, but afterwards went to Hartford to complete his trade. In 1832 he returned to Southbridge, and in company with Milton Joslin bought the newspaper and conducted it as the *Village Courier* for one year, when he returned to Hartford, where he is now living. Mrs. Lucinda Tiffany Stedman died in Dayville, Ct, Feb. 6, at the age of nearly 96 years. Her earlier years were passed in Woodstock and Sturbridge.

Marriages.

IN SOUTHBRIDGE LAST YEAR=

Jan 2, Phillebet Daigneault to Marie Louise Bachaud.
Jan 3, Dexter H. Durfee to Lizzie F. Cutting.
Jan 2, Peter Peloquin, jr., to Delenia Trembly.
Jan 7, Albert F. Humphrey to Lizzie Walton.
Jan 11, Onisime Galbert to Josephine Lovelly.
Jan 21, Joseph Barry, jr., to Julia Bebeau.
Jan 23, John A. Ward to Ruth A. Dealing.
Jan 25, James King to Mary Welch.
Jan 29, Charles H. Hauson to Ella M. Walker.
Feb 3, Arthur H. Smith to Mary Abigail Herideen.
Feb 4, John Henry Tracy, jr., to Nellie Jelina Jackson.
Feb 18, Saul Donais to Ellen Lucia.
Feb 25, Ferdenaud Bergeron to Deline Proulx.
Feb 18, William Taylor Robinson to Clara Ida Morton.
Feb 25, Amarb Gauthier to Marguerite Livenoise.
Feb 22, Amedee Fortier to Judic Longsway.
Mar 19, Frederick W. Boulton to Cora L. Carpenter.
Apr 3, Jude T. McKinstry to Emmagene McComber.
Apr 14, Lucien Como to Marie Chelbean.
Apr 21, Emery Thereault to Josephine Trembly.
May 1, John William Hanson to Carrie Adelia Baylies.
May 5, Charles Castar to Johannah O'Harra.
May 12, Paul Potvin to Lucy Proulx.
May 19, Joseph Derosier to Leontine Metras.
May 19, Frank Hicks to Catherine F. Kremmens.
June 2, William Edward Northrup to Evelyn Estelle Marsh.
June 10, Joseph Lafleche to Marie Louise Martel.
June 12, Frank D. Foley to Mary A. Kane.
June 18, Charles Cobb Taft to Helen Atkinson Booth.
June 25, Winslow C. Cook to Emma Agnes Sanderson.
July 13, James Burns to Bridget Hogan.
June 28, George H. Damon to Fannie L. Oakes.
July 21, Alexis Donais to Elize Bergeron.
July 11, Lucius E. Ammidown to Flora B. Allen.
July 14, Joseph Bellanger to Marie Adele Clontier.
July 21, John L. Derosier to Josephine Goodreault.
Aug 18, Alfred Richard to Emelie Turcotte.
Aug 18, Thomas Lovallie to Delia Bebeau.
Aug 18, Joseph Choninard, jr., to Delia Momnenie.
Aug 25, Henry L. Brousseau to Amilda Shasse.
Sept 9, Larkin Vinton to Ellen F. Pepper.
Sept 22, James Currin to Mary O'Keefe.
Sept 3, William J. Arnold to Mary Farres.
Sept 8, Joseph Henry Letcher to Mary A. Grant.
Sept 22, Francis Exavier Laliberty to Louise Trepie.
Sept 20, Amy Vorie to Marie Louise Greenier.
Sept 29, Patrick H. Kelly to Ellen J. Leavy.
Sept 29, Edward A. Cary to Susan Shaw.
Oct 6, William B. Morse to Ellen M. Boulton.
Oct 13, Louis Lamothe to Delina Lalibertie.
Oct 14, William Girard to Delia Casavant.
Oct 13, Pierra Blachant to Delima Poirier.
Oct 13, William S. Weld to Ruth H. Paine.
Oct 15, Lamson Allen to Martha Ruth Wyman.
Oct 16, Lucian D. Vinton to Kate M. Ward.
Oct 22, George Washington to Fannie Robinson.
Oct 23, Walter Francis Esten to Effie Lenora Smith.
Oct 23, Thomas Thimblin to Mary E. Keveny.
Nov 10, Peter Martin to Hermine Trudean.
Nov 10, Louis Dube to Exilda Gauthier.
Nov 11, Edward F. Douty to Susan M. Lyon.
Nov 13, Alfred E. Morton to Minnie E. Pepious.
Nov 20, Edgar R. Lombard to Cora F. Pelton.
Nov 24, John Splaine to Mary Monoghan.
Nov 24, Joseph Marsaseault to Marie Paul.
Dec 29, Joseph Girard to Celina Gravelle.
Nov 4, Peter Berry, jr., to Mary Ann Vile.

Obituary.

Mr. Louis W. Eccleston, a native of this town, died of consumption, last Thursday evening, after a short but very painful illness. For the past years and until he was taken sick, four months ago, he had been in the employ of the American Optical Company. He was a young man of very exemplary habits, being a warm advocate of, and strict adherer to temperance all through life. The funeral services took place last Sunday afternoon, at the residence of his wife's mother, on High street, Rev. Mr. Hayward officiating. Six of his shopmates, H. Tiffany, S. R. Amidon, G. A. Bartlett, W. E. Clark, Ernest West and Wm. Freeman acted as pallbearers. Noticable among the flowers was a beautiful design of an anchor, the offering of his shop mates. He leaves a widow, and a child two and one-half years old. His death will be mourned by a large circle of friends. Deceased was 34 years 3 months 15 days of age.

Concert and Reading.

An excellent entertainment was given in Union church last evening to a good house, under the auspices of Globe council of the Home Circle. The following is the program:

QUARTETTE—{ *a.* "Star of Descending Night," *Emerson*
{ *b.* "Hark! Apollo strikes the Lyre," *Bishop*
Misses Minnie and Mattie Searles, Mr. H. N. Carpenter, and Mr. Ernest Winter.

READING—"Briar Rose," *Boycken*
Miss Nettie Taylor.

CORNET SOLO—"De Beriot's Seventh Air."
Mr. Thomas Oldham.

DUETT—"Duo. Concertant," *J. B. Singelee*
Mr. F. W. Rowley, Violin;
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, Piano.

READING—"A Naughty Little Girl's views of Life in a Hotel.
Miss Nettie Taylor.

TRIO—"Die Sturzwelle Galop," *C. Faust*
Miss May Oldham, Piano; Mr. Thomas Oldham, Cornet; Mr. Henry Roan, Violin.

SONG—"The Bugler," *Pinsuti*
Mr. J. K. Smith, of Salem.

READING—"The Lost Chord," *Proctor*
Miss Nettie Taylor.

SONG—"Waiting," *Millard*
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter; Violin Obligato, Mr. F. W. Rowley.

PIANO SOLO—"Midsummer Night's Dream."
Miss May Oldham.

READING—"Gabriel Grub," *Dickens*
Miss Nettie Taylor.

The different numbers received much applause, and encores were given to Thomas Oldham's cornet solo, J. K. Smith's solo, Mrs. Carpenter's solo with violin obligato by Mr. Rowley, and Miss Taylor's reading.

The singing class held its first meeting Tuesday evening, there being between forty and fifty present. This is a most excellent opportunity for any who desire to learn the rudiments of music and acquire ability to read at sight. The class is likely to be fully as large as that of two years ago. At the session next Tuesday evening (which begins at 7:45 o'clock) copies of the book to be used, "Singers' Welcome," can be had of the secretary.

The class in book-keeping will have its first lesson this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. All who intend joining this class are requested to be present *this* evening.

Young men's meeting next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Topic: "How our testimony is made effective." Acts i: 8; ii: 1-4, 37-41. All men are cordially welcome.

Usual meeting for boys only at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Subject: "What companionship shall I seek?"

The devotional committee will meet at the rooms Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Remember that all young men in Southbridge and vicinity of good moral character are cordially invited to join us in the work and in the many benefits of the association.

High School.

The high school completed a very successful term last week. The committee expressed themselves as fully satisfied with its appearance and believed the prospects of the school were exceedingly auspicious. They wished it distinctly understood that those pupils who were absent at the oral examination would be obliged to make it up before the beginning of another term.

The work in drawing was highly commended, its excellence being attested by the visitors who chanced to be there.

The term concluded Miss Silverthorne's work in the school. She has shown much tact as a teacher and great enthusiasm, and her departure is sincerely regretted by pupils, parents and committee. At the close of the examination the principal, F. M. Smith, in behalf of the members of the school, presented Miss Silverthorne with a small sum in gold as a token of their appreciation and esteem. He spoke a few words showing how faithful she had been in the discharge of her duties and how sorry they were to part with her. The committee warmly endorsed all that had been said, a farewell song was sung, and the scholars separated for the summer.

Miss Weld and Mr. Taylor of the last graduating class have been admitted to college, passing creditable examinations. It is a source of congratulation that higher education is receiving more attention in town than formerly, and that the high school is constantly sending pupils to college. The young lady who entered Vassar last year, we learn through the faculty, is taking a high rank in scholarship and deportment. We hope the high school will continue to fit a delegation for college each year.

George Boulton, an old and well-known citizen, died at his residence last evening. He had been ill for some time with a liver complication, which terminated with congestive chills. Mr. B. had been employed by the Hamilton Woolen company a long time as wool grader and buyer. He was a man of correct deportment, and quiet, unostentatious ways, respected by all. He was a member of the Baptist church and of the Masonic fraternity. The Masons are requested to meet in their lodge room tomorrow—Friday—noon for the purpose of attending the funeral.

At a meeting of the scholars of the high school, Monday morning, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously passed:

Whereas death has removed from our midst our schoolmate and friend, Benny D. Weld,

Resolved, That we, the members of the Southbridge High School, humbly bow before the dispensation of Providence, which has taken from us one who was endeared to us by eminent qualities of head and heart.

Resolved, That the school realizes that in him it has lost one of its brightest ornaments; one who by earnestness and perseverance in study and by uprightness and manliness in conduct, has gained the highest approbation of all school officers.

Resolved, That we sympathize deeply with his bereaved parents and near friends in their sorrow, and ask them, with us, to go to the healing fountain for consolation.

Resolved, That his desk be draped with mourning for one week.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL, and that a copy be sent to the parents of the deceased.

The new and commodious office of the Southbridge print works was first occupied on last Thursday. In the gathering shades of twilight the evacuation of the old office was commenced and such good use was made of the time that darkness had scarcely descended on the scene ere the work was completed. Conspicious among those who helped in removing was the stalwart form of a well known and respected railroad official, who rendered yeoman's service. Prior to the date of removal a grand conspiracy had been hatched, in which the "deserters" were to receive a flattering ovation, in the shape of a triumphal (?) escort to their new head quarters, preceded by a band (?) organized for the occasion, but owing to the unavoidable absence of the master-spirit of the plot the thing hung fire. The new office is the finest of the kind in town, and for convenience unsurpassed anywhere. On the first floor is a well arranged counting room, and in the rear a comfortable private office for the business manager, Thos. Sanders. Up stairs, is a large well lighted designing room, and a smaller but nicely furnished private office for the superintendent, Mr. Jas. Sanders. This floor is connected with the works by a covered bridge. Other rooms are devoted to storage for supplies, closets, etc.

Mrs. Sarah D. Newhall, who died last Thursday night in her 82d year, was a daughter of the late Charles Lamb of Charlton, and the third of a family of thirteen who reached the age of four score years, one of them being 86. Five of the family are still living, one in her 80th year.

Musical.

A small company gathered at the residence of C. S. Edmunds last Tuesday evening to listen to a piano recital by the pupils of Miss Lizzie L. Healy. Some of them were quite young, and some had taken only one term of lessons, yet all acquitted themselves with much credit to themselves and their teacher. The following is the program:

PART I.

French Melody, (Wm. Mason), Howard Edmonds and Teacher.
Lullaby, (A. Kuliak), Annie Plimpton.
Op. 35. No. 129, (E. A, Emery), Mabel Morse and Teacher.
Evening Song, (H. Kleber), Fannie Danielson.
"Pathway of Flowers," Nos. 4 and 9, (T. Osten), Lillian Whitaker and Emily Corey.
Allegro—From Sonata, (M. Clementi), Flossie Oakes.
"Cradle Song," (J. Egghard), Annie Plimpton and Fannie Danielson.
March, (H. Maylath), Carrie Hill.
Whistling Solo, Beryl Oakes.

PART II.

Sonata in D. (Beethoven), Miss Josie Edmonds and Louise Danielson.
"Flying Clouds", (F. Spindler), Mabel Chapin.
"Hunters' Train," (J. Lon), Nettie Whittemore.
"Polonaise," (D. King), Carrie Hill and Flossie Oakes.
"Languissante," (D. King), Bertha Clarke.
Whistling Solo, Beryl Oakes.
"Charge of the Hussars," (F. Spindler), Josie Edmonds.
"Barcarolle," (J. Barnett), Louise Danielson.
"Hallelujah Chorus," (C. Czerny) Misses Clark, Whittemore and Oakes.

Death has removed from our midst, during the past week one of the oldest residents of the town. Luther Edmunds, who died at his late residence last Monday, was well known by all of the older inhabitants of the town. He was born in Dudley, March 11th, 1818, and was aged ninety-three years and eleven months at the time of his death. His wife—now living—was Betsey Allen, who was born in Dudley, Nov. 3d, 1784. They had seven children; five of whom are living. The house in which he resided was built in 1816 from timber blown down in the celebrated September gale of the year previous. He had lived in that same house sixty-one years, and witnessed the growth and prosperity of the now flourishing town of Southbridge. Most of the land in the centre, more particularly the section north of Main and east of Central streets as far north as the Central mills, he has mowed by hand in years long since gone by.

Four old men were on the train for Southbridge yesterday. They were old schoolmates of our fellow townsman, Ichabod Badger, forty years ago. Learning of his whereabouts they had met and taken a trip to Southbridge to pay him a surprise visit and renew old acquaintance. A very pleasant time was passed.

Rev. J. M. Kremmen arrived home last Wednesday evening after a tour of four months in Europe. The members of his congregation feeling that the public demonstration previously arranged would be out of place at a time when the nation is wrapped in mourning for the untimely death of President Garfield, assembled in the institute where Father Tarpey in behalf of the congregation presented Father K. with a handsome new carriage, harness, robe and whip, after which Miss Agnes Meagher stepped forward and in a neat speech in behalf of the children of the Sunday school presented a purse of fifty dollars. The children then came forward and literally strewed the stage with flowers. Father Kremmen responded to these tokens of affection saying that there were times in the life of every man when he knew not what to say, and that occasion had come to him; but he hoped to show by acts in the future, better than by words in the present, how he appreciated their kindness. After singing of "Home sweet home," by the children, the meeting dispersed. The grounds about the pastoral residence were decorated with Chinese lanterns; over the door was the inscription "caed mille failthe" which well expressed the feeling of the people. Sept. 21. 1881.

Savings Bank.

At the recent meeting of the savings bank corporation the treasurer reported 2,889 accounts open, an increase of 138 during the year. The amount of deposits is $1,059,435.74 which is $60,956 05 more than a year ago. The average amount of each account is $366.71. The amount of profits now on hand is $21,679 88, of dividend credited to depositors during the year $38,979,38; amount credited to the guarantee fund within the year is $2,700. The resources of the bank are: loans on mortgages $202 700; loans on personal security, $221,900; loans on bank stock, $1,300; loans on public funds, $20,000; loans on deposit books, $800; bank stock, $57,139,88; public funds, $496,000; railroad bonds, $50,000; deposit in banks on interest, $29,084 23.

The following officers were elected at the meeting:

President—R. H. Cole.
Secretary—Manning Leonard.
Vice Presidents—S. C. Hartwell, J. O. McKinstry, S. Dresser.
Trustees—R. H. Cole, Manning Leonard, S. C. Hartwell, J. O. McKinstry, S. Dresser, F. L. Chapin, F. W. Eaton, C. A. Paige, J. M. Cochran, J. J. Oakes, J. P. Stedman, Geo. W. Wells, Samuel Williams, L. W. Curtis, A. J. Bartholomew, L. Phelps, C. A. Dresser.

That ever-popular temperance drama "Ten nights in a bar-room" was given last Tuesday evening, under the auspices of St. Mary's Total Abstinence society, which is a very commendable society, doing a good work. The entertainment deserved the liberal patronage which it received. The following is the cast of characters:

Sample Swichell,	William C. Callahan
Simon Slade,	Henry P. Fairbanks
Joe Morgan,	Henry A. Dinan
Frank Slade,	Fred. W. Heffner
Harvey Green,	John Q. Casey
Mr. Romaine,	George L. Tully
Willie Hammond,	John J. Shields
Mrs. Morgan,	Miss Hannah Hill
Mrs. Slade,	Miss Ellen Whalen
Mehitable Cartwright,	Miss Maggie Whalen
Mary Morgan,	Little Maggie Curley

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The funeral of John Schesler, who died on the 5th inst, was attended at his late residence on the Charlton road last Sabbath afternoon. He had been in the employ of Theodore Harrington for a period of twenty odd years and was remarkably faithful and honest. The Grand Army post, of which he was a member, attended in a body and acted as pall-bearers. Discharge papers left by the deceased and found since the funeral, state that he was in the five following battles during the war: Ball's Bluff, Fair Oaks, Savage Station, Glendale and Malvern Hill. It is a remarkable fact that he passed through all of these contests without a scratch or wound. Feb. 1876

Resolutions.

At a meeting of the St. Mary's Sunday school association of Southbridge, the following resolutions were read and adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to call from our midst our youthful and esteemed fellow teacher, Thomas Cuneen.

Resolved, That we the members of said St. Mary's Sunday school association, tender our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved parents.

Resolved, That the members of this asso ciation remember our dear departed friend and associate, in our prayers during the month of May.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be engrossed and given to his parents, and be printed in the SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL.

The Hyde Mf'g Co. filed the following certificate Aug. 11: Treasurer, I. P. Hyde; fixed capital $8,000; capital paid in 8,000; assets, land and water power 1,700, buildings 2,700, machinery 4,520, cash and debts receivable 6,025, manufactures 1,427, miscellaneous 100; total 16,472; liabilities, capital stock 8,000, debts, 1,200, profit and loss 4,772, reserve for depreciation 2,500; total 16,472.

Quite a number of young folks gathered at Charles M. Morse's residence last Saturday afternoon, the occasion being the 9th birthday of his daughter Lizzie E. 1885

Water Supply Company.

The annual meeting of the Southbridge Water Supply company was held last Tuesday evening. No formal reports were presented, but the treasurer's balance sheet and other sources give the following facts. This is the close of the company's second year and it already has a plant which has cost in round numbers $16,000. The capital stock is $10,000 and there is a funded debt of $5000. The plant is made up of a reservoir account of some $5,000 and a pipe account of some $11,000. The latter has received nearly $1,400 addition the past year, more than half of which was for pipe and fittings now on hand ready to be laid on Central and other streets. The company has almost two miles of pipe in the streets and is supplying water to over forty families, and a number of business places. A large number of additional takers are ready to be connected to the pipes now laid as soon as the work can be done, and the pipes are to be extended to the spec shop and various other places for parties who want the water. The running expenses of the past year including freight, interest, etc., have been $544. It was the first year of doing any business, yet the receipts were $241.79. At this rate of starting off it will not be many years before a fair dividend may be expected. The town has ten hydrants, which should soon be producing an annual income of at least thirty dollars each. This sum together with the amount of last year's business increased by the prospective growth, will soon put the company in excellent condition.

The following officers were elected:

President—C. A. Dresser.
Clerk and Treasurer—H. J. Conant.
Directors—C. A. Dresser, L. D. Clemence, I. P. Hyde, Geo. W. Wells, C. A. Paige, R. H. Cole, H. C. Cady.
Auditors—F. L. Chapin, F. W. Eaton, Alpha M. Cheny.

It is intended to make the treasurer, superintendent and general manager of the company.

$536 was paid as land damages to Messrs. Ellis, Chipman, and Marble for the pipes passing through their estates on South street in getting to the highway.

At the election of officers for the ensuing year of the 7th R. I. infantry, which took place at Rocky Point the 15th, W. S. Kilton of this town was elected secretary of the organization for the fourteenth time. Feb. 1882

Temperance Meeting.

One of the best and most successful temperance meetings ever held in Southbridge was that of Wednesday evening of this week under the auspices of St. Mary's Total Abstinance society. The meeting was held in Edwards Opera house which was filled to its utmost capacity. The speaker was Rev. Father Conaty of Worcester, well known as one of the most fearless and outspoken advocates of Irelanc's cause in America. He has, since his residence in Worcester been a prominent worker in the temperance cause. Father Conaty spoke for two hours and was listened to with rapt attention by his auditors. Rev. Father Donahue of this town presided in a dignified and graceful manner. Previous to the speaking Misses Lizzie and Clara Hefner delighted the audiance by the singing of a beautiful song at the close of which they were loudly cheered by the assembled people. Miss Mary F. Butler exquisitly sang a very difficult piece, she likewise received the plaudits of the audience at the close of her singing. Father Donahue then came forward and said: The most shocking evils that we have to deplore spring from intoxicating drink. The church deplores the condition into which the use of drink brings society. But aids and fosters temperance societies. He then introduced the speaker of the evening. Father Conaty on taking the floor congratulated the society on the stand it had taken for temperance. I feel satisfied, he said, of the interest taken in the society's welfare by the number present. I hope it will encourage the society to go on in their good work. They need stimulating, not the stimulant that makes a man hot when he is cold or that makes him cold when he is hot. But that which is for good The question we are about to present to you this evening is a pretty common one. It is almost threadbare; but we are going to take it up again. We are going to discuss the question as to what is temperance. What are the thoughts in our minds? What citizen, what community is there that stands aloof from the direful influeuce of intemperance? What do you think of it? The vice that stands out more glaringly than any other evil. The intempreate men do not stand alone. No man stands alone. Good deeds help one, evil deeds hurt another. Every man has an influence. We are dependent one upon another. We are breatheren. The reverend speaker here gave an eloquent discription of man's mission on earth, and of the attributes which the Divine Father had given him. After giving a vivid accouut of these attributes he said: But rum robs him of all these. It unmakes him. Character is manhood. Rum robs one of his character and makes him like a brute. These are thieves of rum. He here spoke of the influence that the drinking man has over others. He is a burden to himself and a burden to the community. Intemperance destroys it all. It breaks every bond of love, every bond of duty. Rum ruins the homes of its victims. It is sad to see a man ruined, it is sadder still to see a home ruined, made as it were a hell on earth. Breaking as it does every tie of love and affection. Rum destroys manhood. The speaker here detailed the consequences of a broken home. Eventually he said the policeman stands on guard at the house, or the victim of drink occupies a murderers cell. The great heart of the community is at last aroused. Sooner or later the drunkard becomes a town's charge. You must take care of him.

The speaker denounced pool playing severely. The young drunkard begins here. Here also is the intersst of the community. The drunkard brings orphan asylums, poor houses which we have to support. When the rum seller says don't interfere with my business for it is a legitimate business. Well as there is not a drunkard but what we must pay for I think we have a right to interfere with his business. Proceeding he said: Now one word to the working man. One supreme question to the Knights of Labor. It is perfectly right for you to help one another. It is right and proper for you to band together for your own welfare against the encroachments of capital. The sums of capital against labor are many but capital never grinds labor as rum has.

Why do you not consider the question of labor vs rum or rum vs labor. What is the laboring man's capital or wealth? it is health. Rum steals this, deliberately robs him of his capital. But you say all men who drink are not robbed of their health. Those that are not are exceptions. The great mass of drinkers are worthless. No man wants them around. Tools are not safe in the drunkards hands. Life is not safe. He becomes a nuisance. Again when a man sells his labor and gets his reward every week for it, rum robs him of it. The speaker here spoke of the cost of drinking. Can you afford it? He asked can you afford to have your health and strength and manhood destroyed by its use? Proceding he spoke of the generous nature of the Irishman, he stepped into a saloon to have one drink but meets his friends, and instead of one drink he has four. I say the laboring man has an enemy besides capital. Fight against it; strike against the rum seller; band against rum. Five cents a day is not much to spend for beer. Perhaps not, but in the agregate it is a great deal and would buy many of the comforts of life. Illustrating the inside of a rum shop, the speaker held up to the most contemptible ridicule the saloon bummer and flailed him most unmersifully. He further said we are all agreed that we have something to do. But more particularly the young men. Join the society. He here gave the reason for the wisdom in so doing and here described the course of a young man. It is'nt manly to drink, the true man says "no."

It is the true man that is able to say no. Know what is right and dare to do it. Don't contract evil habits. Don't swear it is not manly to do so. Don't humor the evil of drink, you are the best off that have never humored it at all. Space will not permit a more detailed account of the lecture. The strong point of the lecture throughout was its comprehensiveness. Every salient point of the question was touched upon. He spoke tf the present laws upon the statute books, and said that they were stringent enough, but what was lacking was the moral support of the people. See that your selectmen have the temperance question at heart. The first question the rumsellers ask a candidate to the legislature is "are you all right on the rum question." They care for no other. But he described how the rum sellers work, and how rum shops are started. He spoke of the great influence women can exert for the good of the temperance cause. He feelingly but with tha humor characteristic of his race spoke of the large number of the Irish that are engaged in the liquor business. It has sometimes appeared to be on one side of the bar or the other. He closed with an earnest appeal to all young men to join the temperance soctiey. June 10. 1886.

At the Universalist's Union association held in Worcester this week, Rev. F. Magwire gave an address Wednesday afternoon, on "The Satisfaction in the Sunday School Teacher's Work. June 4. 1886

Personal.

Senator Hoar was in town over Sunday.

S. S. Perry was in town for a few days this week.

Mrs. James Winward of Fall River visited at her father's this week.

Mrs. James Howard sailed for Europe in the Catalonia last Thursday.

Mrs. Joseph Bottomly of Cherry Valley is visiting her relatives in town.

Myron Doyle and Wm. H. Harley of Providence were guests of B. W.Paton this week.

Messrs. Putney, Rose, Herron, Mc. Vey and Brown represented Southbridge at the bycycle tournament in Boston last week.

Dr. L. W. Curtis and wife were absent from town four days this week attending the Home Missionary convention at Saratoga.

Dr. Allen had a carriage damaged this week from his horse becoming frightened by the giving way of a portion of the harness.

Sylvester L. Corey, in the employ of Albert McKinstry, fell last Monday while putting up a screen door and broke his right arm.

Mrs. Thomas Potter had her left hand amputated at the homoeopathic hospital in Boston yesterday and at last accounts was doing well.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

St. Mary's Church occupied for the first time.

HISTORICAL.

Not many years ago, within the memory of men and women not very gray, there was no Roman Catholic in town. The coming of one occasioned no little sensation and collected a curious crowd about his lodging place. In 1840 the number had so increased that measures were taken to have religious services in town, although only twelve persons—seven of them Irish—could be found to attend the preliminary meeting for organization. Rev. G. Fitton, then of Worcester, now of East Boston, visited them a few times per year on week days, hearing confessions and celebrating mass at a private residence. In 1845 the Catholics numbered 40, Father Fitton being succeeded by Father Williams and Father Gibson in turn. In 1846 the Catholic population here numbered 100 and were under charge of Father Logan, the first priest who visited them Sundays. Rev. John Boyce was the next priest, and the parish had reached that importance that a regular place of meeting was provided—part of the time the town hall and part a school house. In 1853 the church was completed and dedicated by Bishop Fitzpatrick of Boston. For five years Jesuit Fathers from the Holy Cross College at Worcester visited this mission twice a month. In 1858 the society—French and Irish—numbered about 1700, and Rev. James Quan was appointed pastor for Southbridge and Webster. In 1865 the church in Southbridge was set aside as a parish by itself and Rev. A. M. Barrett appointed pastor. In 1870 the parish had reached such a size that it was divided—the French and Irish forming separate organizations. They both worshipped in the old house for a few months until the church Notre Dame, (French) was completed. The Irish continued to use the old church, Father McDermott officiating as pastor for a short time and being succeeded by Rev. J. M. Kremmen. But their numbers have increased so that the building was too small for the single society.

NEW CHURCH.

Hence last year the erection of a new church was decided upon. In October the most of the exterior was completed and a description of it published in the JOURNAL; but to help in understanding the cut at the head of the article we reprint some of the figures. It is 102x59 feet, the width across the transepts being 90 feet. The transepts are 35 feet wide. The walls are 20 feet to the eaves and it is 64 feet to the peak of the roof. The distance to the top of the cross on the spire is 102 feet. Since that time work has been so pushed that the church was occupied last Sabbath for the first time, although the dedication will not take place for several weeks. There are three large doors in front and one at each transept making five in all, and all opening outward. There are six rows of seats in the main part of the building and three aisles, there being a door for each one. The seats and interior wood work are all of ash, trimmed with black walnut. The front of the organ and transept galleries are finished in gothic panels. The seating capacity is about 1400. The altars and accompanying furniture are constructed for temporary use. The permanent ones will be of great elegance. The transept galleries are occupied by the Sunday school. The windows are of stained glass and each one bears the name of the donor. The interior will be frescoed before it is completed.

The church was well filled last Sabbath; Father Kremmen preached an appropriate sermon. Alluding to the Lenten season just closed, he hoped that the result of it would be renewed consecration and better lives; and that as Easter was the day of Christ's rising so might it be the day of resolves for more elevated characters. He also hoped that the new church would be a further incentive to upright conduct—so much so that outsiders in noticing the improved material condition could also comment on the improved lives. The music was very finely rendered by a choir under the direction of M. J. Tully, who was also organist. The following is the program rendered:

Kyvie, in D.	Zwing.
Gloria and Credo, in E flat.	Schmid.
Offertory Haec Dies.	Latham.
Sanctus.	A. Werner.
Veni Jesu.	Cherubini.
Agnus Dei.	Schmid.

The suit brought against the accident insurance company by J. J. Oakes to recover insurance on the life of his son, Frederic, was tried last week in Albany.

Mrs. Rufus Young started yesterday morning for Grand Rapids, Mich., where she intends to spend the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Goodspeed.

Julius Dresser has won his suit against the insurance companies at Utica to recover the insurance on his skating rink, burned about a year ago in that city.

C. A. Paige, A. J. Bartholomew, Luther S. Ammidown and B. A. Leonard started Monday afternoon for Gettysburg, Balls Bluff and Washington. They will be absent about seven days.

Thomas Holden, one of the oldest residents in town died last Friday. He was the first Irishman who came to Southbridge as a resident having lived in the place over fifty years and during that period had witnessed almost the entire growth of the town. He was employed by the Hamilton Woolen company until disabled by an accident a few years since and had thriftily saved a good home from his earnings.

Mrs. Julia N. Sherman of Brimfield and Miss Ellen M. Newell came to their brother on Wednesday last, to make a short farewell visit. They left Thursday for New York. Miss Newell is to leave for Europe on Saturday by the Umbria of the Cunard line, and after her departure Mrs. Sherman will go west to visit friend in Ohio, and her brother Rev. Charles H. Newell, in Iowa.

Obituary.

Miss Sophia Wheat a long time resident of Southbridge died yesterday at the advanced age of 87 years and 4 months. Since March last she had been living with the Misses Morse on South street at whose residence she died. During the last few days of her existance she was cared for in part by her sister Mrs. Brown of Hartford, Ct., a lady of 83 years of age. Another sister, Mrs. Munyon, also of Hartford, is 86 years old. Mrs. Richmond of New York, a niece of Miss Wheat was with her at her death. Miss Wheat was a sister of the late Mrs. Whitehouse of New Boston, Ct., and formerly of this town. The funeral will be at the residence of Misses Morse at 1:30 p. m. today. Rev. Mr. Easterbrooks officiating.

Columbian Mills' Sale.

Yesterday was the time appointed for the adjourned sale of the Columbian mills property. There were present a number of prominent Southbridge business men and several from out of town. Among the latter we noticed Thos. Harrington of Worcester; Thos. Burgess, J. G. Johnson and Jas. G. Marklamb, Esq., of Providence. The auctioneer, H. M. Clemence, read the notice of the sale, and stated the conditions and that the incumbrances amounted to a little over $16,000. Mr. Henry Grant said that the stock, raw, wrought, and in process, belonged to him and his brother, (but would be sold to the purchaser) and they would agree to keep the mills stocked and running until the purchaser should take possession. The auctioneer further stated that the buyer was to assume all incumbrances and bids would be for a gross sum above these. S. M. Lane on behalf of the bank said he knew of no objections to proceeding. Bids were called for and after a little delay Mr. Marklamb started the sale at $5000. Bids of $6000 by C. A. Paige, $7000 by C. A. Dresser, and $8000 by Manning Leonard immediately followed. After a little delay Mr. Dresser raised his to $9000 and Mr. Johnson bid $10,000. A little more talk by the auctioneer and the bidding advanced by $1000 additions, Messrs. Dresser, Leonard and Johnson being the contestants, until the offer reached $17,000. The next increase was $500, Mr. Marklamb offering $17,500. Mr. Dresser raised this to $18,000, Mr. Leonard to $18,500, and Thos. Burgess to $19,000. Then ensued a long pause during which there was much consulting in corners of the office, in the hall and about the doors. When the gentlemen had all returned Mr. Dresser bid $19,500, Mr. Marklamb $19,600, and Thos. Burgess $19,700. Mr. Dresser then went him $100 better and Mr. Leonard bid $19,900. Mr. Dresser and Mr. Burgess then bid against each other, increasing the offers $100, till the amount reached $20,500, at which price it was sold to Thos. Burgess, a son of the mortgagee. This figure added to the incumbrances makes the property stand to the bidder at about $37,000. He refused $40,000 for it at the conclusion of the sale. These figures do not show the real value of the property or the condition of the market in town, from the nature of the case. It is not definitly known what will be the ultimate disposition of the property, as it is understood that Mr. Burgess buys to sell again. Feb. 7, 1877

Old Dagget is with us once more.

Thos. Sanders has moved to Sandersdale.

Mrs. Jas. Winward of Fall River is home on a visit.

Clarence Shumway of New York is visiting in town.

S. S. Perry is summering in Providence and vicinity.

I. P. Hyde has gone to Halifax with Messrs. Cochran and Silva.

Miss Carrie Grover is visiting at Juniper Point and other places.

Mrs. Albert Pelton goes to New Bedford today to spend a few days.

John O. McKinstry has been seriously ill, but is now recovering.

B. W. Paton and L. Wesley Curtis are seeking black bass at Webster.

Hon. P. J. Flatley was the guest of Rev. J. M. Kremmen last week.

J. C. Tapley and H. F. Niles of Springfield are stopping in town.

Geo. Congdon and family of Fall River are spending a few days in town.

Rev. Geo. Wilson, a former pastor of the Union church, was in town last week.

Miss Mattie Edwards of Boston has been spending her summer vacation in town.

Miss Mary Ellis is spending a few days at Leicester, North Brookfield and Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Tiffany of New York city are visiting their relatives in Southbridge.

Philip Ammidown and Mrs. Holmes Ammidown are making their annual visit to Southbridge.

Dr. S. C. Hartwell is very low and failing daily. His brother-in-law, Mr. Lincoln, has been in town this week.

Mrs. Mary Rice of Waltham and Mrs. R. E. Nash of Webster have visited at the Globe Village house the past week.

Mrs. S. Green of Milwaukee, Wis., and Mrs. O. K. Merrill of Springfield, Mass., are visiting Miss Jennie Litchfield.

Mrs. Wm. E. Horton's sister, Mrs. J. B. Waterhouse and Miss Waterhouse of Detroit, Mich., are visiting at the Globe Village house.

C. D. Paige and F. L. Chapin with their families have been at Narragansett Pier the past week. C. A. Paige spent Sunday with them.

Geo. A. Haggerty writes us from St. John that the flags of Great Britain and all other nations in the harbor of St. John were at half-mast in honor of General Grant.

An Old Paper.

A Southbridge *Register* of February 23, 1830 has been shown us. It was published by Josiah Snow, "nearly opposite Rev. Mr. Park's meeting house." Considerable space is devoted to the consideration of Freemasonry. There is an article on this subject over three columns long, addressed to Col. Pliny Merrick and signed "Royal Arch Mason." There is considerable Providence advertising in the paper, indicating more retail Providence trade from Southbridge than there is even now. The publisher advertises "Such of our subscribers as agreed to pay us in butter, cheese, grain or wood are informed that we are getting cold and hungry." This was printed on both outside and inside. Lemuel Dunbar, deputy sheriff, advertises two sales "at the inn of Wm. Healy, jr." Wm. Beecher and B. West were the watch makers, Horatio Fisk was in the cutlery business, and Bradford Baylies was the village tailor. Holmes Ammidown dealt in dry goods, lumber and furniture. M. Plimpton and L. Child, assignees, were closing out the business of Wolcott, Groves & Judson, and the right and equity of Quinnabaug Manufacturing company was to be sold by the sheriff "at the inn of Cromwell Bullard of Sturbridge." There is not a single local item in the paper. Under the heading "Town Affairs" are three communications, one calling a republican caucus at Cheny's hall, to nominate candidates for town officers; "A farmer" and "a voter" criticised the holding of party caucuses. One says: "The attempt to enkindle the flames of party contention, in the choice of town officers, which seems to be anticipated by the notice, alluded to, by a meeting of part of the legal voters of the town, calls loudly for the united efforts, of all such of our citizens, who wish well to our municipal interests to suppress it." The other says: "It is presumed that this notice has the sanction, as usual, of the republican board of selectmen * * * * It may lead to the best selection that could be made, and if it should, would it not be better that it should be the doings of the citizens generally, and approved by them beforehand, than the work of a few who may not happen to have sufficient modesty or charity to prevent their claiming all the republicanism in the town? Do the gentlemen remember the words of Mr. Jefferson—'We are all federalists'—all republicans!

Noticeable among the noble army of ladies, that attended the dedication of the new church, was the face of Mrs. Adams of Woodville, and formerly of Southbridge. Old residents will remember her as wife of Geo. F. Adams the genial messenger for the Adams Express Company some dozen years ago, and since that time in the postal service from Boston to Albany. She made a flying visit to Charlton City, *en route* for Southbridge, stopping with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Newton. Old Father time seems to have been dealing kindly with them, as they seem to carry their age as well as their flesh nobly, the two together tipping the beam on the hay scales at 450 avoirdupois. Long may they live and may their shadows never be less. Sept 11 1885 s.

Among the Churches.

There will be preaching by the pastor in the new Congregational church next Sabbath evening preceded by a short praise service at 6 o'clock.

Episcopal services will be held on Sunday next at 4 o'clock p. m., in the upper hall in Dresser's block. All are invited. The Rev. John S. Beers will officiate.

Sittings in the new Congregational church will be sold at public auction ou Thursday evening, Oct. 1st, for six months ending with the last Sabbath in March 1886. During September seats will be free to any who may choose to occupy them. The public are cordially invited. Sept 11 1885

Last Sunday the vacation season was over and the churches were all occupied. Rev. F. Magwire, at the Universalist church, preached from the text, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." By way of introduction he said that all are today called, and that there is no need of an audible voice. First, all are called to be something — manly, faithful to business or occupation, honest. Second, all are called to do something—to be more than mere honest, faithful servants, workers, business men, to be "fishers of men," to have a faithful influence for good, work for temperance, to espouse the cause of religion, to sustain the church and all its departments of work. 1885

Last Sabbath the pastor, Rev. Jos. Danielson, preached a post-dedication sermon in the new church, taking for his text, Hoggai 2:9, "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former." After briefly sketching the history of worship in patriarchal times, and in the Jewish tabernacle in the wilderness, he instituted a comparison between the first and second temple. As a material structure the latter was inferior to the former, but it had a superior glory in the fact that the Son of God, whose incarnate presence never graced the first, was often seen within the second temple. —The preacher drew the lesson that the chief glory of any house erected to God's praise is to be derived not from grandness of architecture so much as from "Jesus in the midst." There is in us an esthetic nature which needs to be cultivated. And we may readily believe that He who once reproved his people for dwelling in ceiled houses while his own house was left desolate, will not condemn, but commend us for making the church erected in his name attractive and pleasant. And yet the grand essential is not beauty of structure, high walls, arched ceilings and foliated columns, but rather the Divine presence. He who is greater than the temple must come into the house to render the place glorious. The hymns we sing, the prayers we offer, the sermons we preach and the ordinances we celebrate should have this for their underlying motive, to "Crown Him, Lord of all."

Nor does the mere mention of his name and the singing of his praises cover the whole idea of his presence in the sanctuary where Christ is a felt presence? He makes selfish natures benevolent; the barren, fruitful; the unlovely, winsome; the wavering, steady; the narrow-minded, liberal; and every one who profess godliness, to be more godly, until the course of excellence is reached, even "the stature of a perfect man in Christ Jesus."

In applying the lesson of the text, the speaker spoke of the present edifice as being architecturally considered, far in advance of the former, more pleasing to the eye, more commodious, more convenient, and better suited in every respect to the wants of the community. But will it have a more glorious, spiritual history than the old? The old was hallowed by the sacred memories of more than sixty years as a place of worship. The retrospect presents in many of its aspects a glorious record. But what shall the prospect be? Will the scenes to be enacted in the new exceed in glory all that was witnessed in the old edifice? This question will find its answer in the degree of faith with which those who have reared and dedicated this house to God, shall offer up the prayer "Arise, O Lord, unto this thy resting place, Thou and the ark of thy strength." Sept 11 1885

John A. Campbell and son Allan of Cranston, R. I., visited relatives in town yesterday. 1886

Mrs. Leonard Cutler will take the position of organist at the Congregationalist church. 1886

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hill and family spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Townsend, Mass. 1886

Dr. and Mrs. Curtis with their daughter, Jessie, spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Marlboro. 1886

Mrs. Alex. Paige and Miss Minnie West returned Wednesday from a week's sojourn in Boston. 1886

Mrs. Chas. F. Parker of Worcester spent Thanksgiving with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Taunt. 1886

Mrs. J. H. Butler of Eliot, Mass., is visiting her sister Mrs. W. E. Horten of the Globe Village house. 1886

Revs. A. Laury from Three Rivers and Jules Graton from Fiskdale were visiting friends last Monday in this town.

John Toole, for many years employed in the Hamilton Woolen Co's. print works has gone to North Adams to work. 1886

Charles Tower, a former resident of this town but now of Worcester, spent last Sunday with his sister Mrs. Daniel Walcott. 1886

Excursion. 1886

The New York and New England railroad advertise an autumnal excursion to Boston, Wednesday Oct. 20. Tickets will be good going on regular trains Wednesday and returning on regular trains Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday evening the train leaving Boston at 6.30 will connect at East Thompson with special train for stations on the Southbridge branch. Round trip tickets from Southbridge $1.50, West Dudley 1 35, Quinebaug 1 30.

Universalist Conferance. 1885

The union association of Universalists will hold a conference at Oxford, beginning Tuesday evening and continuing Wednesday forenoon and afternoon:

Oct. 19, 7:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. F. W. Bailey of Worcester.
Oct. 20, 9 a. m. Conference led by Rev. L. Holmes of Charlton.
10 a. m. Discussion on "The Work of Our Association."
2 p. m. Address by Rev. O. I. Darling of Warren. Subject: "The Need of Our Gospel in Small Towns."

Personal.

Herbert E. Wells spent Thanksgiving in town.

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MASSACHUSETTS PRESS EXCURSION.

The Massachusetts Press association's seventeenth annual excursion started from Boston, July 10, over the Old Colony railroad's network of well managed lines for Newport, where we remained till Monday noon. Newport is a city where there is much to see, and the time was fully occupied. It is a place where oceans of wealth have been poured out in magnificent "cottages" and elegant grounds—and then the effect spoiled by high fences and hedges. The foot path through the rear of the different grounds, by the water's edge, however, so combines art and nature as to be very attractive. The drive around the point is also very delightful. The sight of the styles that drive up and down the avenue, from the cool piazzas of the well kept Ocean House, is also a spectacle one ought to see. The dudes, the bob-tailed horses, the liveried coachmen sitting on the back seat while the blue bloods do the driving, are among the noticeable things to be seen. Newport is an interesting combination of the artificial and natural well worth a visit, but without attractions, to the writer at least, as a place to make a long stop.

A thirty mile sail brings us to Block Island. Viewed from the distance, its rolling surface cut up into small fields looks like a piece of crazy patch work. The air is pure, and nerve resting; nature has not suffered at the hands of man; and one wishes he could spend a whole summer at the Ocean View house under the care of that excellent hotel manager, Dr. O. S. Marden. Wednesday morning we started home with a strong east wind and a rolling sea, which caused many to pay tribute to old Neptune, even Capt. Raymond was not exempt, and was forced to make a profound obeisance over the rail of the boat to the god of the trident to pay for the sneering way he had spoken of the waves. After reaching Newport we crossed the bay to Wickford, and returned via the New York, Providence & Boston line to Providence, and the Boston & Providence, both managed by persons of enterprise and sagacity.

The excursion was a fit successor of its many predecessors. The seasick episode of the finale was particularly regretted by the committee, for fear it might leave an unpleasant recollection of the concluding hours of the trip to overshadow the earlier but pleasanter portion.

The reunion took place in the dining room of Ocean View house, at the conclusion of a most sumptuous complimentary banquet tendered the association by the hotel. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and shells, and pretty souvenir bills of fare printed on views of the island. The courses were served with military precision by pretty waiter girls dressed in white. At the conclusion of the banquet President Whitaker introduced the following sentiments and speakers:

Our Host—Dr. O. S. Marden.

Our Mother Association—E. H. Elwell of the *Portland Transcript.*

Our Own Association—Ex-Senator N. A. Horton of the *Salem Gazette.*

Our Daughter—the Suburban Press Association, W. H. Cook of the *Milford Journal.*

Agriculture—Ex-President Loomis of the *Holyoke Transcript.*

Civil Service Reform — Hon. John K. Tarbox, insurance commissioner, who was appointed by Gov. Butler and reappointed by Gov. Robinson.

The Profits of Journalism—D. Gilbert Dexter, late of the *Cambridge Tribune.*

A congratulatory telegram from the Maine Press association was read, and also letters from Geo. Salisbury of the *Fall River Advance*, Ex-President Proctor of the *Cape Ann Advertiser* and L. L. Holden formerly of the *Boston Journal.*

One pleasant episode was the visit to Fort Adams at Newport and the dress parade.

Some papers having adopted the fashion of sneering at press excursions on account of the number of non-professionals that get smuggled in; we have compiled the following table:

Practical journalists with whole or partial financial interest in papers,	24
Practical local editors without financial interest in papers,	4
Owner but not journalist,	1
Practical *bona fide* journalists, but not now in the harness,	4
Practical advertising men, but not journalists,	2
	35
Members of other professions or occupations, temporally representing some papers,	9
Ladies and children,	37
	81

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Higgins and Mrs. A. R. Cady all of Worcester were the guests of their brother, G. A. Cheney, Thanksgiving day.

Miss Myra B. Martin presided at the teachers' institute held last week at Putnam, which was attended by about two hundred teachers.

Miss Emma Dresser has returned to Dean academy and resumed her musical studies. She expects to graduate in that department next term.

Noble Jones, grain commission merchant of Chicago, Ill., accomapnied by his daughters, Misses Belle and Bertha, are visiting with Wm. C. Barnes.

C. W. Hall arrived home yesterday morning from his visit to Scotland. He was one of the Circassian's passengers which arrived at New York Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Hattie Childs and daughter and Fred Johnson all of Hartford, Ct., the latter a former resident, were the guests of Bradford C. Stone Thanksgiving day.

Miss Maud Oldham is at home on week's vacation from the Framingham Normal school. She occupied her former position in the post office a few days this week while Post-master Bigelow went to New York on a business trip.

The following special Christmas music will be sung at the Congregational church, Sunday morning:

Te Deum,	F. Boott
Morning Star,	Greene
Bethlehem,	Bartlett

Among the selections for the Christmas song service in the evening are these:

"Exulting Angels,"	Gould
"How grand and bright,"	Havens
"Angels from realms of glory,"	Gilchrist
"O holy night,"	Adams

Christmas services at the Baptist church on Sunday. Sermon in the morning on Christ's Birth. Singing led by double quartett. Christmas concert of the Sunday school in the evening. Special singing by the children.

The following is the program of the music to be rendered at the Universalist church on Christmas Sunday:

MORNING.

Gloria in Excelsis,	Chandler.
"Brightest and Best,"	Stearns.

EVENING.

Gloria,	Farmer's Mass in B flat.
Duett, Cantique de Noel,	Adam.
"Mark! What Mean Those Holy Voices"	Arr. from "Trovatore"

THE OLD SOUTH.

Farewell to a Historical Landmark.

1821--1884.

June 22.

Sermon of Rev. J. Danielson, last Sabbath.

The Congregationalist meeting house was used as a church for the last time last Sunday, as the building has been sold to be moved away, to make room for a new edifice. The pastor took the occasion to preach a historical address of which we give an abstract below:

THE TEXT

was from Psalms xxvi:8 "Lord. I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth."

Religious worship has always been of a social nature. A cloister religion has never thrived, except in limited circumstances. Devotion loves company. This desire to meet together early necessitated places of worship—first was the Jewish Tabernacle, and afterwards the Temple, which owed nothing to man's creative faculty for God planned them. To the ancient Jews the tabernacle was a sacred inclosure and the Temple was at once an object of national pride and reverence. The Psalmist must have voiced the feelings of his countrymen when he said: "Lord, I love the habitation of thy house, the place where thine honor dwelleth." The system of strictly local worship has passed away, and now in every city, village and hamlet churches of Christ stand with their lofty spires pointing heavenward.

No limitation of time or space can confine *our* God. Anywhere and everywhere may the incense of acceptable praise be sent aloft to his throne. And still how natural to locate God, and what place so full of hallowed associations and memories as the house of prayer.

THIS BUILDING

is no exception to the hallowed influence of place. To many hearts it has come to be a sacred inclosure. It was built in 1821–63 years ago on land given by Major Calvin Ammidown. The church was organized 20 years previous to that date—in 1801 –and was originally called the "Second religious society of Charlton." In 1816 when the town of Southbridge was incorporated the name was changed to "the Congregational church of Southbridge." During sixteen years of the twenty previous to the erection of this house, the church worshipped in union with the Baptists, Methodists and Universalists in a wooden structure that stood where the Baptist church now stands,

A COMMINGLING OF DENOMINATIONS

that did not work very happily, as will be seen by the following petition:

To the honorable senate and house of representatives in general court assembled, November session, A. D., 1816.

The situation of the Congregational society in the town of Southbridge in the county of Worcester, to which your petitioners belong, is singular and merits some compassion. A brief history of our situation and the unhappy circumstances which have led to it is deemed proper to be stated. Until February last this town was only a poll parish and had no constant religious teacher. Upon receiving the act of incorporation your petitioners began to make arrangements to settle a minister in town agreeable to the provisions of the law. As soon as this was done all sects and denominations in town united against the Congregational society here. This singular and unhappy union of all other denominations against our society compelled the petitioners (though the largest proprietors in the only meeting house in town) either to sell our pews therein to the opposition at their own price, or to live in perpetual strife. Your petitioners retired from the contest and sold the pews to the opposition. We could not do otherwise without engaging in a tedious and expensive lawsuit.

This unhappy union against your petitioners has deprived them of a meeting house. The petitioners during the last summer, added contributions to the sum their pews sold for, and thereby raised a sum for the support of a minister in this town, which has rendered your petitioner so poor to build a meeting house without some assistance; your petitioners therefor humbly pray your honorable body to grant them a lottery to raise the sum of three thousand dollars to build a meeting house Lotteries have been often granted by your honorable body and perhaps never for a better purpose. The petitioners further state with confidence that tickets sufficient to raise the above sum, might be sold in the county of Worcester, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Abel Mason, Daniel Morse, Fletcher Foster, John Marsh, Oliver Plimpton, Chauncey Plimpton, Joshua Harding, Jason Morse, Abel Mason, jr., Samuel Newell, Frederick W. Bottom, Freeman Pratt, Calvin Ammidown, Enoch Bacon, Waterman Potter, Joseph Eaton, Elbridge G. Harding, Ebenezer D. Ammidown, Joseph Clarke. John Newell, Oliver Mason, jr., George Sumner, Corbin Lyon, Stephen H. Easterbrooks, Muason Morse, Geo. Gleason, Aaron Putnam, Nathaniel Marsh, Dresser Bacon, Abijah Richardson, John Rider, Jonathan Green, James Wheelock, Duty Marsh, Moses Wheelock, Dennison Wheelock, Ralph Harding, John Marsh, jr., Hinsdale Foster, Smith Foster, Alpheus Foster, Pliny Arnold, Samuel L. Newell, Samuel A. Groves, Moses Mason, Asahel Prouty, Timothy Paige, jr., Jeremiah Shumway, David Atherton, Parker Morse, Oliver Mason, Henry Hooker, Luther Wheelock, Smith Ellis, Duty Marsh, jr., Salem Marsh.

This petition is signed by fifty-seven persons three of whom afterwards became deacons. It shows the relation of the denominations to each other and also the sentiment that was then held even by good people in regard to lotteries. The petitioners failed to accomplish the object, for the next we read of the doings of the society is that they erected a building called

"THE MINISTERIAL HOUSE."

The lower part of this was to be occupied by the pastor and his family and the upper part to be used as a hall for purposes of worship. This house is the building now standing on Park street opposite the parsonage, owned by Dr. Hartwell. After worshipping there for nearly four years the project of building this edifice was started in January 1821. The subscription paper which has been preserved, shows that the largest amount contributed was $100, and the lowest $2. The contract of the building was let to Maj. Ammidown for which he received the modest sum of $3,180. Two days were occupied in

RAISING THE HOUSE,

and three are now living who can testify that no small amount of toddy was drank on the occasion, and certain strange bills have come down to us, as witness the following:

1 qt. N. E. Brandy,	-	$ .62 1-2
2 " " "	-	1.25
1 " " "	-	.31

Also this: "Spirits furnished carpenters while making bell frame, $1.98." Who can say after reading such items that progress has not been made in the temperance sentiment.

The original form of the church was nearly square, 44x50 feet, with two rows of windows with outside blinds and with no vestry underneath, prayer meetings being held either in private houses, or more usually, in the vestibule of the church. There were galleries on three sides and the pews were very high and straight-backed, and those most prized were the wing pews. From the beginning the pews were rented from year to year. The first semi-yearly rental amounted to a little over $80. The pulpit was some ten or twelve feet above the audience supported in front by four pillars. Access to the pulpit was gained by an inclosed stairway. There was a rich damask curtain back of the pulpit and the singers' gallery was edged with red curtains underneath which was an inscription in black letters "Erected–1821." The walls were at one time decorated with wall paper; underneath the pulpit on a plain surface back of the four pillars was a painting of

MOSES IN THE BULRUSHES,

Pharaoh's daughter, and her attendants and the babe. This was painted by Alexander. This object lesson was kept in view

for many years until some miscreant stole in and dug out the eyes of Moses. A demand being made about that time for the owering of the pulpit the picture was destroyed. The church bell was cast by Joseph W. (probably a near relative of Paul) Revere weighs 914 pounds and cost $372,17. It was the first bell in town and great was the sensation when its tones were first heard by the inhabitants. The organ has had at least two predecessors, one made by a Mr. Pease and the other by Sanford Fiske—to say nothing of sundry base vials and violins which were owned and kept in repair by the society. Tradition has it that the organ which has just been taken down was first used in Dr. Payson's church, in Portland and afterwards in Boston from whence it came to us at a cost when set up of $850.

There have been

THREE RADICAL CHANGES

made in the building since its erection and at an aggregate cost of almost double the original expenditure.

First was an outlay of nearly $1800 in 1839 when the side galleries were removed, the pews and windows changed, the auditorium extended 11 feet at the rear, and the floor raised four feet so as to give room for the construction of the vestry. The planning and executing of this change was under the direction of Deacon Cutting.

At the rededication service an original hymn was furnished by Mrs. L. H. Sigourney.

The church was remodeled a second time in 1869 at an expenditure of over $3000 and consisted of new pews arranged in circular form, making a recess back of the pulpit, new windows, gas fixtures, frescoing, pulpit, furniture and such other changes as gave the room substantially its present appearance. The text of the sermon preached at this second rededication was "The glory of the Lord has filled the house of God."

A STILL FARTHER CHANGE

was made in 1879 under the direction of the Ladies' Benevolent society by which the vestry was at a cost of some $525 refurnished and beautified and the passage way to the audience room made more attractive. "No man" says Christ "putteth a piece of new cloth into an old garment." But here seems to have been a violation of that principle and possibly the unwise expenditure of money in revamping the old might have continued for many years to come had not the Lord's winds of last winter toppled over the spire. We hope to place upon the site of the old, a new edifice so perfect in all its appointments that it will not be subjected to so many changes as have been put upon the present building.

SPIRITUAL HISTORY.

The records help us to group our thoughts around two matters of special interest, viz: the succession of pastors and the characteristics of the church and society that have worshipped here. Of pastors there have been eight—seven of them regularly installed, and one Dr. I. G. Bliss, now of Constantinople who served for two years as stated supply. The earliest in the field was Rev. Jason Park who received his ordination here and was settled on a salary of $400 and the use of the "ministerial house" and an ample supply of firewood. Nothing was said of the traditional donation party. Mr. Park seems to have been a devoted pastor, and his labors lasted for sixteen years—from 1816 to 1832. The immediate cause of his going away was the rising up of

A UNITARIAN ELEMENT

in the congregation who demanded a more liberal type of preaching, which they found in the next pastor, Rev. Henry J. Lamb, who was settled on the express condition that he should be willing to exchange with the Unitarians. But his condition was uncomfortable and in two years he resigned on account of "an unfavorable impression in the minds of the christian community abroad occasioned by an article in the conditions of any settlement in this place."

Here occurred the one only serious division in the history of the society, which resulted in the withdrawal of quite a number of the congregation who took with them all the money they had put into this building.

Next came the long pastorate of Rev. Eber Carpenter, which continued, with the exception of the two years of Dr. Bliss, from 1835 till 1864. Many remember with affection this pastor of their youth and riper years, and will never forget the impressions made by his preaching and consistent christian life.

Then followed in too rapid succession the labors of Revs. Palmer, Jaggar, and Fullerton, yet each did a good work.

The church and society seem to have been a remarkably united people. They lived in peace even in anti-slavery times.

FINANCIALLY,

the society was never blessed with a surplus. For several years aid was received from what was then known as "The religious charitable society of Worcester county"

Mr. Carpenter was settled on a salary of only $500. But with the growth of the village they were able to do better and to strive largely for the good of others. Within the last ten years over $10,600 have been contributed for charitable objects.

The church was organized with twenty-one members.

THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP

from 1801 to the present date has been 734—an average of nine accessions each year. Seventeen went out of the church in 1854 to unite with the new Free Evangelical church. A colony of six from the church went in 1856 to Genoa Bluffs, Iowa.

From 1816 to 1825 only two or three persons were admitted each year—indeed none at all for two years, then 25 were added. After that a period of dearth, then 38 were admitted. Again a period of slow growth followed by nine years of remarkable progress, when 162 were received, most of them on confession of faith.

WHAT A STORY

this building might tell of congregations here assembled, of sermons preached and prayers offered, of songs sung, of decisions made for God and eternity. To many of you this is a hallowed place. Perhaps some of you were united in marriage here; here you received the ordinance of baptism; here you gave your children in solemn covenant to the Lord; from this place your dead have been borne for burial; here you have sat together at the table of the crucified one; and now do you realize that we are holding our last Sabbath morning service in this house. The old is to be broken up and the new is to take its place.

Farewell to this pulpit, these pews, to all these familiar scenes! The lesson of this day is plain: "I will improve this opportunity as if it were my last, to consecrate myself to the Lord." In what better way can you bid adieu to this temple than by becoming living temples, Christ himself being the corner stone.

OLD PAPER.—We have just obtained possession of the first published number of the *Southbridge Register*, dated February 12, 1829. The name of L. H. Goland appears on the head as publisher. Who this man was we have been unable to learn; the name is not given in Mr. Ammidown's historical collections. The first and second pages are almost wholly devoted to poetry and a story. The fourth page is taken up with a Boston Anti-tariff Memorial. The third page is filled with miscellany and advertisements. There are no locals in the paper. Holmes Ammidown advertises calicos at 10 cents per yard; also, dry goods, furniture, provisions, grain and lumber. Rye is advertised for sale at Ammidown hotel. The Columbian Company advertise for sale salt pork, lard and candles, also yellow pine plank. Marsh & Hawks are in a boot and shoe store and Haskell & Simpson have a market. Walter B. Thayer is tailor. The subscription price was $2 per year, the same as the JOURNAL is now. If the difference in value of the currency and of the cost of publishing be taken into account, $10 per year would be no higher for the JOURNAL than was $2 for the *Register*. We have given the paper to the library.

Oct 15 1886

The Harvest concert passed off successfully on Sunday last, the school house being filled to its utmost capacity, many from your village being present, and all seemingly were well pleased with the exercises, etc. The room was handsomely and appropriately decorated with autumn leaves, ferns, grain and vegetables, and the taste displayed by Christopher Abbott and his daughter Miss Jennie, was of the highest character. The platform was one mass of vegetables of all kinds intermingled with rye, corn and monstrous gourds, tastefully arranged and presenting a beautiful picture. Every nook and corner was supplied with some specimen of Mr. Abbott's raising, not even the stove being overlooked which made a capital resting place for his mammoth squash "Jumbo." Promptly at 3 o'clock the exercises commenced and for over an hour the scholars and teachers, large and small performed their parts for the edification and pleasure of the friends assembled, and the smiling faces bore acknowledgement of success. At the close of the exercises Rev. Mr. Easterbrook stepped forward and announced that he had been informed by Supt. Lawson that it was his turn to speak his piece, and his remarks were eagerly and attentively listened to. Nathaniel Sanders who has passen the allotted age of three score and ten followed briefly, closing with "Children, you see before you a scholar who has been in the Sunday school for over 70 years and yet is not too old to learn." He is indeed a living evidence of one of God's chosen people, a worker and lover of christianity. Mr. Guy, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school also favored the assemblage with words of encouragement and like those of Rev. Mr. Easterbrook will act as an incentive toward making our little Mission more promising and inspiring the workers with reneud energy and zeal. The following is the order of exercises:

Singing by choir—"Ho! Reapers of Life's Harvest."
Prayer—Rev. Mr. Easterbrook,
Responsive reading—"The Promises," by school.
Recitation — "A Harvest Song," by Mamie McKinnon.
Reading—"The Garden of the Lord," by Miss Jennie Abbott.
Solo and quartet chorus—"Autumn," by Mrs. Thomas Sanders, Mrs. D. S. Dougherty, Wm. Warren, John H. Warren, D. S. Dougherty.
Responsive reading—"Have we a Promise?" by school.
Recitation—"Autumn," by Ruth Steadman.
Reading—"Corn Fields," by Miss Ida Metcalf.
Responsive Reading—"Our Part," by school.
Recitations—Miss Carrie Frost's class.
Reading — "Fallen Leaves," by Miss Mamie Brown.
Responsive reading — "What is Our Duty," by school.
Singing—"Bringing in the Sheaves," by chorus of children.
Reading — "Harvest Home," by Miss Ella Hopwood.
Recitation—"Harvest Time," by Lewis Reynolds.
Recitation — "Master, Behold My Sheaves," by Maggie E. Dougherty.
Recitation — "Gleaners," by four little girls.

Singing—"Weary Gleaners," by Misses Ida and Louise Metcalf, Miss Jennie Abbott, Miss Mamie Brown.
Recitation—"Not Yet," by Roy Sanders.
Recitation—Sadie Frost.
Recitation—"Seeds," by Grace Dougherty.
Recitation—"God's Sower," by Letitia Delaney.
Solo—"What Shall the Harvest Be," by Mrs. D. S. Dougherty.
Reading—"The World's Harvest," by Miss Myra Lawson.
Reading—"After Many Days," by Mrs. Thos. Sanders.
Singing — "Nothing But Leaves," by choir.
Remarks.
Singing—"Oh, Where are the Reapers," by choir.
Benediction.

July

School Matters. 1886

To the Editor of the Southbridge Journal:

While in the city of Worcester a few weeks since, I chanced to pick up one of the daily papers, and I noticed an article reflecting great injustice on the superintending of the public schools of Southbridge; to say that I was surprised, will not begin to express my feelings upon reading that article, and I fairly blushed with shame for the town which I call home. Since my return to Southbridge I have taken pains to inquire into the matter more fully, and am greatly surprised and feel ashamed for any intelligent man who will be party to, or even a believer in any such underhanded, stab-in-the-back policy, to injure so good a man, and so able, progressive and sincere a man as superintendent Harper, and merely as it seems to me for purely selfish and mercenary motives. Not only is this unjust, ungentlemanly and uncalled for proceeding a gross insult to our superintendent, it is far more—a stab against the educational interest of Southbridge, yea, and the Commonwealth also; a direct insult to the intelligence of our town and moral poison to the minds of our children. Now Mr. Editor, admitting, for the purpose of argument only, that the article alluded to, is an honorable production and the grounds for complaint are just, let us consider the matter in the abstract, and deduce these facts, viz.: That our public schools are better to-day than at any subsequent time within the history of the town; that school funds have been judiciously and economically expended; that greater progress has been made on the part of the pupils; that a better and more systematic method of instruction has been inaugurated; that a better system of text books has been adopted; that a better feeling between teachers, scholars and parents is noticable, and that better discipline, on a whole, has been maintained throughout our schools. It must be considered that superintendent Harper, assumed the position under many and great disadvantages, several of the most important being—the new departure from committee government to that of superintendent; the persistent opposition to a superintendent, and to Mr. Harper as superintendent, and also the prejudice of quite a number of intelligent and influential men. Notwithstanding all of the prejudice and open and secret opposition to which our superintendent has been subjected, he has brought our schools up to a higher plane, and could he be retained in this position our schools would soon be the equal if not the superior to the schools of any town in the commonwealth.

The past year is the first year in which we have had the service of a superintendent of schools; the change from the old to the new system was an experiment with us, and had there been no marked improvement in the schools I claim, as any intelligent and unprejudiced man must admit, that the first year of Mr. Harper's service, contending with prejudice and oppositions and disadvantages which he was compelled to labor under, is not a fair criterion of his ability or that which he should accomplish for our schools. In conclusion I would say that to my mind, the manner in which our superintendent has been used and the method employed to take the office from him are most unjust, unfair and not an honorable or manly manner to treat any one in any position; a blow to our educational interests and a disgrace to the town of Southbridge, which will take years to outgrow.

FIDES.

Death of Mrs. Freeman.

This community was shocked by receiving the sad intelligence last Friday of the death of Mrs. Wm. F. Freeman which occurred at the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston. She, accompanied by her husband, left this town Wednesday morning, for the purpose of having a bone tumor removed from her left shoulder. The hospital surgeons in their examination Thursday, did not pronounce the case as an extremely serious one; but the operation which took place Friday, proved the case to be far more serious than they anticipated, as Mrs. Freeman lived but three hours after the beginning of the surgical operation. Her body arrived here Saturday morning; the funeral took place at her late residence Monday afternoon and was very generally attended by her many friends & relatives. Oct 15 1886

MEETING HOUSE. DEACONS STEWARDS.

The church and society worshipped in Gothic hall till 1869. July 16 of that year they dedicated the elegant church now used by them, which had been built by the Hamilton Woolen company and generously placed at their service. In 1872 a new organ was added at an expense of about $2500. The society has finished off the vestry. The ladies have also finished off a parlor and added inside blinds to the building.

When the church was organized Geo. Hanson and Gayton Ballard were elected deacons. The latter gentleman declined to serve, and the office was abolished and that of steward created, one being elected every year for two years. The following have held the office: C. F. Melony, Jas. Brown, Robt. Elliot, Thos. J. Gregory, J. C. Gile, Liberty Litchfield, L. W. Curtis, P. T. Litchfield, Geo. Hanson, Chas. H. Hanson, B. U. Bugbee, Wm. H. Searles, Isaac Johnson, Chas. Hyde.

STATISTICAL. PRESENT OFFICERS.

The meeting house has seating capacity of 400. The pews rent for about $1400, of which $1200 is paid to the pastor as salary. About $400 is raised by contributions for benevolent purposes—of this amount the Sabbath school raised about $100 the past year. The school numbers about 200 and has an average attendance of about 140. B. U. Bugbee is superintendent; Miss Jennie Dexter, assistant; Frank Johnson, secretary, treasurer and librarian.

The church has 137 active and 9 absent members. The officers are B. U. Bugbee, clerk; D. Gowan, A.J.Daniels, stewards; Dr. L. W. Curtis, John Airlie, Wm. Searles, Chas. Hyde, Fred Blanchard, church committee. The officers of the society: Edw. Dexter is clerk; L. W. Curtis, J. M. Cheney, D. Gowan, assessors; Wm. J. Keith, treas.; J. Tatterson, L. W. Curtis, J. M. Cheney, Edw. Dexter, F. Blanchard, committee; Jas. Brown, collector.

The singing is Congregational, led by a quartette choir composed of Miss Mary Townsend, Miss Jennie Dexter, Arthur Plimpton and Fred Fisk; Miss Maria Cutting is organist.

The ladies' society has for officers—Mrs. C. E. Kimball, president; Miss Annie Paton, secretary and treasurer.

The present condition of this church and society is very prosperous. The congregations are good and the people are well united in favor of Mr. Wilson. They were taken by surprise at his resignation last Sabbath.

LAST SABBATH'S SERMON.

Last Sabbath evening Mr. Wilson preached a sermon on the reliability of the Bible, from the text in II Timothy iii:16, 17—"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." He said that although this is a fast age in which labor saving inventions and discoveries are doing much to annihilate time and space, opinions should be formed in the old fashioned way, by personal, individual thought and care. The arguments for the worth of the Bible should be such as one would apply to any book. In taking up a new volume the preface is first read to find out what the aim of the book is, and though it may have no formal introduction the reviewer has no trouble in finding the object of the work. The object of the Bible is expressed in the text. The second study in connection with a book is to see if it answers its aim. We do not complain because a New England guide book does not give the time table of a western railroad, or condemn Shakespeare because it does not teach geography. Neither should we condemn the Bible for not teaching what it does not claim to. Its aim as expressed in the text is to treat of man's eternal destiny, the soul's welfare, to make man better, and it must stand or fall on that.

In relation to the controversy with science, the speaker said that the Bible may even state what is a scientific untruth; but that argues nothing. We don't reject a book or a newspaper because it tells about the rising and setting of the sun, although as a scientific fact the sun does not rise or set. It would be as logical to reject science because it doesn't tell about the soul, as the Bible because it doesn't teach science. The Bible stands if tried by its aims. The man who reads and *lives* the Bible will be perfect. Problems in chemical analysis are solved by the aid of scales; in euclid by a slate and pencil; and spiritual problems require the Bible.

In answer to a complaint sometimes made that the Bible teaches immorality, he denied the assertion, saying that to the pure all things are pure, and that the Bible only speaks of wickedness to condemn. No man was ever made better by rejecting the Bible. Our modern civilization gives nothing better.

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Our Country's Defenders.

Their Memory yet Honored.

Appropriate Ceremonies and Pertinent Addresses on Memorial Day.

The weather of Decoration day was all that could be desired, and the people of this vicinity very generally observed the day in an appropriate manner. There were perhaps fewer long and formal orations, and less length of street processions, but the exercises were none the less hearty and fitting the memory of those who took their lives in their hands to preserve our nation. Below will be found detailed reports from the several towns of this vicinity, furnished by JOURNAL reporters and correspondents.

Southbridge.

The number of flags flying in the morning and the closed places of business in the afternoon showed that the spirit of the day was felt by many. About two o'clock the procession started on its march over the streets mentioned last week. There were fifty veterans in line under command of Geo. W. Corey, also twenty Sturbridge veterans commanded by F. H. Gleason. Steamer No. 1 company and Tiger engine company represented the fire department. The Bande Nationale won many compliments for the excellence of its music. The drum corps materially aided in furnishing something to march by. Though there was a smaller display than usual of civic organizations, there were more citizens in carriages than usual, among whom a liberal sprinkling of town officers and other prominent persons. There were no incidents worthy of note during the line of march, although the prancing of a few of the horses at the send off furnished a diversion for the spectators. The Catholic cemetery was first visited. No exercises of any kind were held there on account of the absence from town of Father Kremmen, who was unexpectedly called to Webster that morning to assist the bishop at a confirmation. At Oak Ridge cemetery G. H. Mellen presided and Rev. B. V. Stevenson officiated as chaplain. A select choir of some of our best local talent sang an appropriate selection, and the address was then delivered by A. J. Bartholomew. It received close attention and elicited many compliments. We publish it entire below:

MR. BARTHOLOMEW'S ADDRESS.

Soldiers, Fellow-citizens, and friends of the fallen:

The solemn services of the day, which at the close of each recurring spring, call into line the remnants of that grand army of patriot soldiers, whose valor upheld the flag of the republic all through the long and desperate conflict of the rebellion, and at last planted it in triumph upon the battlements of every fortress in our land, and raised it to the mast-head of every American ship that sails from our ports—not one star blotted out of its azure field—the emblem now and forever of our nationality and union—our power and glory—commemorate memorials of a self-sacrifice and devotion to the cause of human rights secured by civil liberty more noble than history has ever before recorded. Here, in yonder cemetery and around us in these silent abodes of the dead, rest the victims of that terrible contest. Above the sunlight by day and the glittering stars by night keep watch as their spirits pass onward and upward in their pathway to an immortal fame. Around all nature has budded and blossomed, and filled the air with sweet perfumes, and painted her vestments in deepest hues, as if smiling with beauty and hastening to join in your impressive rites. And here also, comrades and friends, with hearts once broken with anguish but now calm in their great sorrows, have come to drop a silent tear, and as tributes of love and respect for their memories, bedeck their graves with wreathes and flowers. But your fallen braves are not all gathered here in these consecrated grounds; yet you know that wherever they lie, whether alone in some lonely spot by old camping grounds, or by the wayside along the line of weary marches; whether in crowded cemeteries or in trenches on battle-fields, where in a day death gathered its hosts of mangled forms, wherever in our broad domain loyal and true patriots can be found, kind and thoughtful comrades shall today seek out their resting places and strew over them the fresh garlands of spring. No graven marble shall tell the story of the sacrifice of these; but of them and all, long after the tablets that mark the spot where you have laid your soldier dead, shall have crumbled into dust, undying history shall transmit the record of their loyalty to the principles they fell in defending.

The day you commemorate signalizes no specially great event in the period of the late civil war. It therefore derives its importance from the spirit and purpose of its projectors. It is the sentiment of an enduring affection for those who have suffered and died for their fellowmen, that has purchased for them a glorious name and inspired us to observe the day with appropriate services to their honor and praise. The appeal of surviving comrades, who had patiently and loyally endured the hardships and perils and defeats of fatiguing marches and bloody battles, for the memory of the fallen, has kindled the natural impulses in the hearts of the American people, and made the occasion sacred, to the expression of the deeper and more serious reflections and feelings in the hearts of all true and patriotic men—to this just thank-offering of a grateful people to the thousands of martyrs who sleep in death, that the republic might live. And no just appreciation of the nobility of the service of each and all whose names are inscribed upon your "roll of honor," will attempt to discriminate the quality of their labors and sacrifice, or rob them of their equal praise. Statesmanship, philanthropy, and sometimes military fame, have crowned men with distinction and greatness, and men have set up monuments to perpetuate their memory; but history alone shall tell the story of what events they were the products—what selfishness or ambition inspired their action—what truth or righteous cause they championed and led—how loyal and devoted and self-forgetting in their achievements; and by these test their title to immortality among men. The true test of greatness—the only enduring title to a lasting fame—is not so much *what men do* as to *what end*, and at *what cost*. And therefore in this recognition of the mounds of all your dead soldiers you perform a duty sanctioned by reason and justice. I fancy you have not come to crown the hero with fresh wreaths to flatter a pride already canonized, or to exalt those already distinguished, nor indeed to add new incense to the adulation which men ever delight to offer at the shrine of the conqueror; but you have rather come to give the humble soldier citizen his due, to rescue modest and untitled valor from oblivion; to remember those whom neither the ambition for power, the hope of promotion, nor the temptation of gain, but a plain and instinctive sense of patriotic duty, called to the field *to dare* and *to die*.

Far be it from our wishes to rekindle the angry passions aroused by the late conflict; although we would fain revive the fires of that patriotic enthusiasm for the cause of civil liberty secured by law, which these soldiers so gallantly defended. The hot blood, the burning nerves, the almost maddened brain, which inspired and clothed them with courage to encounter and endure the terrors of the war have long since mingled in the dust in which they rest. No cry for revenge bursts from their peaceful graves. And now no patriot tongue would disturbe or profane the touching solemnity and harmony of this scene by the expression of harsh or unkind feelings. But let us be true to ourselves and just to the memory of our dead. No American citizen, who loves his country and carries in his bosom an Anglo Saxon heart, has come to this service that does not know and feel that our dead in the late contest stood on the solid rock of the old liberties, for which the American people contended in the war of the Revolution and established, and which, in our last triumph, the federal army preserved and perpetuated, baptised anew in the leaping life-blood of our bravest and best, for this people and for humanity everywhere. It was then and now, the triumph of freedom over oppression—its great enemy emy—of right over wrong—of human equality and brotherhood over all forms of caste—and *now especially*, of nationality over confederation, with the precious doctrines it teaches and the civil conflicts it provokes. In this last contest there was but one truth, and that lay upon one side or the other; and if, as we loyally believe that truth in the Providence of God prevailed,, in His name and in the name of patriotism let us demand all its honor and glory, and disown and reject, on occasions like this, that false sense of justice which fails or hesitates to distinguish the victor from the vanquished. Let your memorial be preserved in commemoration of patriotism and valor and victory and truth, and not of falsehood, dishonor and shame. Your sacrifices, in the brave men you have given up to slaughter and death, have not died for a vain idea, but for a country, and disloyalty shall not appropriate to itself the glory of your victory. Was there no distinction in the contending forces and the purposes and spirit which called them into the field? Was the rebel rag as dear as your national colors? Was service in rebel ranks for a system of government builded on human bondage as its corner stone and the keystone to the arch of its social fabric, and for a nationality made up of half a score of sovereign states united only to strengthen the shackles upon the limbs of the bondmen, that might be dissevered to fly into as many petty nations at the will of any one of its independent sovereignties, as honorable as to maintain the grand old constitution and government given to us by the fathers of the republic? and was it as glorious to die for that as for yours? Are the misguided victims in that conspiracy to assassinate and destroy as worthy of your remembrance as the heroes of the federal armies, who stood guard around the nation's altars and fell in their defence? Oh, no; we should not thus mock their memories or belie the truth of history. Forget and forgive ye may, indeed, for that is a Christian duty; but that can not destroy the distinctions between truth and falsehood, right and wrong, patriotism and treason.

No! our memorial shall be preserved and kept a memorial of truth. To be lasting it must be true and first live in human hearts.

Monuments and statues and flowers, if you will, may symbolize the idea; but back of these symbols must be the great and noble act, impressing itself upon the convictions of men, somewhere in life springing consciously from an inborn mental nobility and greatness, or occurring unconsciously but truly—some great and good act must have been performed for suffering humanity, for country, or for God—something added to earth's blessedness—so that laws, institutions, governments and men may be grander and better than if the life had not lived or the act not been performed. You cherish now in remembrance the heroes lying here as brave spirits throbbing with a sacred enthusiasm to save a nation's life—as men who glorified our comon manhood by bleeding and dying for man; and as such, when, oh when, shall they ever be forgotten?

As truth alone is an attribute of immortality, the memorial should be, and is, a memorial of truth and righteousness—not of what seems, but of what in reality is. In this how grand the legacy they have secured for us and forever! In what grandeur and transcendent beauty it stands before us. A free, prosperous and powerful republic— a nation of freemen—truer to the instincts of human nature and the immutable laws of justice and right, than the plans of kings and wiser than the foresight of statesmen—the realized and imperishable fact of history—securing to us peace and safety and the enjoyment of the richest abundance of public and private blessings and a standing menace to all forms of tyranny and oppression. Your memorial of these departed citizen soldiers then lies most truly in the great principles which they died to defend, or it is nowhere. These principles are the birth-right of man—the gift of God—immortal as truth itself; and in them your dead are immortal.

If now you ask what these principles are, I

THE CHURCHES OF SOUTHBRIDGE. II.

Baptist.

1879.

The Baptist church is one of the prominent churches in Southbridge. Not only does it have the best edifice and a large congregation of influential citizens, but a number of prominent names are connected with its history. The early Baptists in town were joint owners with those of other denominations in the old poll parish meeting house alluded to last week. Occasional Baptist services were held in it. In 1816 the town was incorporated and the "Second Congregational society of Charlton" transformed into the Congregational society of Southbridge.

HISTORICAL.

The first meeting of the Baptists of Southbridge for organization was May 1, 1816, in the hall of Ammidown hotel, a week after the political demise of the old parish. A constitution was adopted, the association adopting the name of the "First Baptist Society in Southbridge." One hundred and twenty-three persons signed the constitution, including nearly all the members of the old parish who had not gone with the Congregationalists. In October of the same year the Baptist church of Sturbridge was petitioned by some of its members living here to be set off as a separate church. In December the parent church by unanimous vote granted the request and sent letters to sister churches, calling a council for the purpose of recognizing the new Baptist church in Southbridge. The council assembled Jan. 28, 1817, and also favored the scheme. The Baptists now had an organized church ond society, the former having 26 members. The proprietors of the old meeting house, who were Baptists, Methodists and Universalists, had bought out the interest of the Congregationalists for $1500, and the Baptists held their services in it, although the Universalists had occasional meetings. Rev. Geo. Angel was the first Baptist pastor. He had been settled in Woodstock and had frequently been invited to preach in Southbridge (for on account of the varying shades of creed held by those who had owned the first house, clergymen of other denominations than the Congregationalist were allowed to preach there.) Geo. T. Angell, esq., of Boston, was his son. In March, 1823, the society got a new bell and organized under an act of the legislature incorporating it.

Rev. Mr. Angel continued his ministrations with good success till his decease, Feb. 18, 1827. He was succeeded by Rev. Addison Parker, who was ordained August 18th of that year, and remained till Dec. 1832, when he was dismissed and became pastor of the Baptist church at Sturbridge.

Rev. David C. Bolles was installed May 12, 1833 and remained two years. In 1835 the meeting house became by purchase the sole property of the Baptists and was repaired at an expense of $1,415 The old square pews were removed and slips substituted, at the sale of which the "deeds limited the kinds of preaching and declared that it shall be of the same belief and pratice as the Baptist in olden times."

August 23d Rev. Joseph G. Binney was installed; he remained till August 1837 when he was compelled to leave by ill health. He has since been very prominent a missionary in Burmah.

Rev. Sewell S. Cutting was the fifth Baptist pastor in town beginning his work in September 1837. In 1841 the proprietors of the meeting house voted to organize themselves into a corporation which was called the Southbridge Baptist meeting house association.

A NEW CHURCH.

Soon after this serious differences arose in the management of the church and in 1842 a majority of the members withdrew and in September organized themselves as the "Central Baptist church." A council was called for the recognition of the new church on the 12th of October. The old church was present by a committee and objected, but the council voted recognition to the new organization. Rev. Mr. Cutting left the "First" church for the new one or the "Central," the former calling to fill his place Rev. C. P. Grosvenor. The work of sustaining two Baptist churches was too much of a tax and the old church soon succombed to its lively rival, some of the members going into that and others to the Methodist and Congregational churches. The society remained unchanged and we have now the First Baptist society and Central Baptist church.

In June, 1845, Rev. Mr. Cutting resigned. He has since been well known as an editor of denominational newspapers, as a college professor and as secretary of the Baptist home missionary society. He was followed by Rev. Timothy G. Freeman who remained only two years. In May, 1847 Rev. O. S. Stearns was ordained and installed. In 1848 a new meeting house was decided on and the old one sold to Luther and A. F. Ammidown by Jonathan Cutting who had contracted to build a new one and take the old in part payment.

Rev. Mr. Stearns was followed by Rev [illegible]. Parker in 1854. Mr. Stearns has since achieved an honorable position as professor at Newton theological seminary. Nov. 14, 1863 the meeting house was burned, the fire sweeping to the church from Central street and also consumed the original meeting house. In 1866 the present brick structure was finished.

Mr. Parker remained till 1867 when Rev. B. F. Bronson succeeded him.

Mr. Bronson was succeeded by Rev. H. H. Rhees in 1873, and he in turn by Rev. A. G. Upham who was ordained and installed Aug. 1, 1877.

The following have been deacons: Thompson Kimberly, elected, March, 1817 — resigned, Aug., 1817; Cyrus Ammidown, elected, March, 1817—resigned, 1821; Joshua Vinton, elected, May, 1820 — resigned, 1821; Samuel Fisk, elected, Oct., 1821—resigned, 1835; Elisha Cole, elected, Oct., 1821—died, 1864; Marvin Cheney, elected, Oct., 1835.

When the Central church was organized Marvin Cheney and Henry Fiske were chosen deacons, the former remaining in office till he died, Feb. 5, 1878, and the latter being now in office. Feb. 28, 1873, Adoniram Coombs and Chas. E. Steward were elected; Alpha M. Cheney was elected Feb. 5, 1878.

The Sunday school has for superintendent, E. G. Guy; assistant, H. C. Wells; clerk, Marcus L. Dillaber. The Sunday school has the income of $1000 left by the late John Edwards. The membership is about 180.

FIFURES. OFFICERS. PRESENT CONDITION.

The membership of the First church increased to 186, which was its largest number. In 1859 the membership of the Central church was 175; the present membership is 126.

The clerk of the church is A. Coombs; of the society, H. C. Wells. The society treasurer is J. P. Stedman. The seating capacity of the church is 450. The pews rent for $1687, of which $1100 is paid for minister's salary. The missionary collections amount to about $520; in addition to the above there is an annual income of $245 from the Edwards legacy.

The singing is by a choir consisting of Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, Miss Mabel Cheney, H. N. Carpenter and E. M. Cole; Miss Hannah Cheney is organist.

The present condition of the church and society is very encouraging. Rev. Mr. Upham is a young man full of zeal and enthusiasm and with much ability.

Personal.

Pierpoint Edwards is visiting relatives in town. Sept. 1883

Bacon, Albee and Ducett played polo at Ware last night.

Herbert E. Wells has entered Bryant & Stratton's commercial school, Boston.

Rev. F. Magwire and Mr. and Mrs. W C. Barnes are attending the Universalist state convention at Charlestown.

Mrs. S. C. Hartwell and daughter, Miss Nell, are at Falmouth Heights with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac B. Hartwell.

Wm Edwards was at Saratoga last week and since his return has been confined to the house by a slight illness.

Minnie E. Hargraves, M. D. of Baltimore and the Misses Ella and Meta Smith of Parksburg, Penn., are visiting at Wm. C. Hargraves.

Thos. H. Evans, a former correspondent of the JOURNAL under the signature T. H. E., died at his home in Washington, D. C. the 9th, at the age of 61 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Borden of Fall River, who are making a horse-back tour from Fall River to New York, passed through Southbridge Wednesday, stopping at the Dresser house.

Willie D., oldest son of S. K. Edwards, received his schoolmates and friends Wednesday evening at the residence of his grandfather Edwards on Main street, the occasion being his tenth birthday. All had a very merry time.

Deacon Jonathan Cutting died Wednesday, aged 80 years. He came to town from Templeton about 40 years ago, and during all these years has lived a useful life respected by all who knew him. For the last 25 years or more he has been constantly employed by the Central Mills Company. He was a consistent faithful, devoted member of the Congregational church, where he will be be much missed, as he will be in the town.

Mrs. N. B. Cozzens, aged 74, of Woodstock, who recently went to Clinton to keep house for her son, met with a fatal accident Tuesday. She was standing on the sidewalk, near the railroad station, when a runaway team struck her, the shaft of the buggy hitting her squarely in the forehead. She was unconscious and died within half an hour. The remains were interred here yesterday.

Dea. A. J. Coombs' Sabbath school class gave him a surprise on Tuesday evening, Sept. 22nd, by presenting him with an elegant clock. The presentation speech was by J. W. Bromley to which the deacon responded in a touching manner. Later in the evening there was a solo by Mrs. E. G. Guy, "Not a Sparrow Falleth"; solo by Miss Emma Coombs, "Hour of Sweet Repose"; solo by Dea. Coombs on the violin, "The Lost Chord"; trio by Mrs. Guy, Miss Coombs and J. W. Bromley. The party broke up at a late hour, the class and teacher all uniting in singing "Blessed be the tie that binds." It was a very pleasant evening, long to be remembered by all.

Republican Caucus.

Sept. 1885.

The republican caucus last Tuesday evening was thinly attended, only about forty-two being present. J. M. Cochran was chosen chairman and F. W. Eaton secretary. A committee was nominated to bring in a list of delegates. As there was a prospect that the senatorship might come to this town this year, no delegates were reported to the senatorial convention, and the caucus voted for a candidate to present to the convention with the following result: Whole number of votes, 31; necessary for a choice, 16; J. M. Cochran had 1, John O. McKinstry 1, A. J. Bartholomew 4, C. D. Paige 25.

The following were elected to represent the town at the different conventions: State—Geo. W. Wells, Dr. Wm. D. Lamb, Sam'l T. Cutting; county—J. M. Cochran, Franklin Jacobs, L. D. Clemence; councilor—C. W. Hill, Geo. S. Stone, J. S. Gleason; senatorial—A. J. Bartholomew, A. W. Martin, J. O. McKinstry, Thos. Sanders, F. P. Pratt; representative—Geo. W. Corey, G. C. Winter, F. S. Paige, C. D. Monroe, C. M. Cook, G. A. Cheney.

A. J. Bartholomew then made a motion that if the choice of a representative fell to this town F L Chapin be recommended, and the vote was unanimous.

The Belchertown correspondent of the Northampton *Gazette* said in last week's issue of that paper: "The second in the course was by Geo. H. Mellen of Southbridge, our former high school principal, who gave a program of select readings. Mr. Mellen is a very fine amateur reader. He was greeted by an exceptionally large audience, who felt quite repaid for the trouble they had taken. His selections of the grave and gay, the humorous and pathetic were well chosen and effectively rendered." Jan 1879.

A NEW PORTRAIT OF WENDELL PHILLIPS.

The interest which the death of Wendell Phillips and the ensuing discussion of his life and work has caused has had its natural outcome in one direction in an inquiry whether any satisfactory description by the art of the painter has been left of this remarkable figure in the cause of human freedom. Inquiry has failed to discover more than one or two of any merit—a singularly small number when the prominence of the subject in political and social life is considered. An addition to the list has now been made, however, by William Willard, the well-known portrait painter, who has hitherto been remarkably successful with the faces and figures of the public men of Massachusetts and New England, and who now has charge of the department of portraiture of the New England conservatory. It is a singular fact that most, if not all, of the portraits hitherto painted of Mr. Phillips show the left side of his face more prominently than the other, which, because of his manner of wearing his hair, etc., furnished the least characteristic view of his features. Mr. Willard has observed and recognized this fact, and by representing him with the right side of his face more prominently in view, has produced quite a different impression from any that has been obtained hitherto. Without going into a discussion of the merits of the technical work of this picture as compared with others—which would hardly be fair at present, owing to the fact that the painting is not yet finished—it must be said that it seems to be by far the most characteristic likeness of Mr. Phillips yet produced, and has been generally recognized as such by his most intimate associates. It is now to be seen at Mr. Willard's studio at the conservatory, where all who are interested in the subject are invited to call and inspect it.—*Boston Journal.*

Last Saturday evening employees at the Hamilton Woolen company's print works to the number of twenty-two, had a supper at the Globe Village house and presented Thos. Cocroft with a gold locket and chain, and Mrs. Cocroft with a ring. The evening passed in a very pleasant social way.

Feb. 29. 1884.

Personal.

Daniel B. Perry is very low.

Base Ball.

Since the opening of the new ball park, August 14, the members of the Southbridge nine have received $190.80 and paid $300 on the new fence.

The ball game between the Bostons and home team on home grounds last Saturday afternoon drew out a large audience, some 2000 people being present. Many came from miles around to see the justly celebrated league team from Boston. It was unfortunate that the day was so cold, for, had it been warmer, the attendance would have been in the immediate vicinity of 4000, without a doubt. It was a red-letter day in the annals of ball history of Southbridge. Our boys never played better and they did well to hold the Bostons to five runs. The game opened with Edmunds to bat, pounding the air three times and retiring. Dillaber followed suit and Lovely hit the ball, but it dropped in front of the plate and he retired, Gunning to Sutton. For the Bostons Hornung made a single, went to third on passed ball, Sutton went out on a foul to Lovely, Wise knocked a fly to left which Murphy captured, Hornung scoring before he could return the ball. Morrill finished the inning, Stafford to Edmunds. In the second Gunning muffed Stafford's third strike but threw him out at first. Hall hit a fly to left which Hornung took care of, and Kane struck out. Radbourne hit to Stafford who fumbled the ball, and "Rad" was safe at first. He took third on passed ball and scored on another. Stemmyer was given his base on balls, would have been caught in trying to steal second but for Kane's unfortunate throw over Dillaber's head, on which he took third and scored on Johnston's long fly to centre which Haggerty captured. Gunning flied out to Dillaber, Dealy made a base hit, but was left at first, Hornung going out on a foul tip. Haggerty took first on balls. In an attempt to steal second he was caught, Gunning to Morrill. Murphy and Bacon struck out. Sutton fouled out to Kane, Wise sent a hot one between first and second; Southbridge was there and "Sammy" retired, Dillaber to Edmunds. Morrill then tried it between second and third; no use; Hall to Edmunds; Boston's first goose egg. In the fourth Edmunds struck out, Dillaber retired, Morrill to Sutton. Lovely reached first on Sutton's muff of Morrill's throw, stole second and third and was left at third by Stafford striking out. Radbourne bunted the ball and one of Lovely's lightning throws to Edmunds gave "Rad" a chance to sit down. Stemmyer was sent to first on balls to see how easily he could take second; Kane and Dillaber permitted him to join Radbourne. Johnston made a beautiful aim to right centre for three bases and was left by Bacon's catch of Gunning's fly. In the fifth Hall struck out, Kane reached first on Gunning's failure to hold the third strike, went to third on a passed ball and scored on a wild pitch, Haggerty and Murphy striking out. Dealy went to first on balls and promptly stole second. Hornung hit to Lovely who made a terrible throw over Edmunds's head into the crowd, Dealy scoring, Hornung taking third and scoring on Sutton's single, he going to second on Wise's out, Kane to Edmunds. Morrill knocked a foul into the river and then contented himself with a single, Sutton taking third on the hit. Radbourne knocked a fly which Edmunds caught and threw out Sutton at third, (a neat double play) finishing the inning with Morrill left at second. In the sixth Sutton and Hornung changed places. Bacon flied out to Morrill, Edmunds fouled out and Dillaber struck out. Stemmyer took first on Dillaber's error, was forced to second by Johnston's hit to Hall and retired; Johnston by lively running reached first, stole second and was left by Gunning's strike out and Dealy's out, Stafford to Edmunds. In the seventh Lovely raised the expectations of the multitude by a two-bagger, but they soon regained their frozen condition by his being caught in trying to steal third, Gunning to Wise. Stafford struck out and Hall hit to Morrill who threw him out at first. Hornung out, hit by batted ball. Sutton flied out to Murphy and Wise made a single and got left at first by Morrill striking out. Kane knocked a fly which Stemmyer caught. Haggerty struck out and Murphy retired, Morrill to Hornung. Radbourne opened with a single, took second on a wild pitch, third on Stafford's fumble of Stemmyer's hit, and was caught off third, Stafford to Lovely. Stemmyer went to third on a passed ball, Johnston flied out to Bacon, and Stemmyer retired, Stafford to Lovely. At the call of the audience Radbourne went into the box, Stemmyer playing second. Bacon hit to Stemmyer and the ball beat him to first. Edmunds struck a fly to left, Sutton gathering it in. Dillaber finished the game, Radbourne to Hornung. Score:

BOSTON.

	AB.	R.	1B.	TB.	PO.	A.	E.
Hornung,* lf, 1b..	4	2	1	1	5	0	0
Sutton, 1b, lf.....	4	0	1	1	5	0	1
Wise, 3b	4	0	1	1	1	0	0
Morrill, ss	4	0	1	1	2	4	0
Radbourne, 2b, p .	4	1	1	1	0	1	0
Stemmyer, p, 2b ..	2	1	0	0	1	15	2
Johnston, cf.....	4	0	1	3	0	0	2
Gunning, c.....	3	0	0	0	13	5	0
Dealy, rf.....	2	1	1	1	0	0	6
Total.....	31	5	7	9	27	25	5

SOUTHBRIDGE.

	AB.	R.	1B.	TB.	PO.	A.	E.
Edmunds, 1b	4	0	0	0	7	1	0
Dillaber, 2b.....	4	0	0	0	3	1	1
Lovely, 3b	3	0	1	2	4	1	1
Stafford, p	3	0	0	0	0	7	6
Hall, ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	6
Kane, c	3	1	0	0	4	2	5
Haggerty, cf.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
T. Murphy, lf.....	3	0	0	0	2	0	0
Bacon, rf.....	3	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total.....	28	1	1	2	23	14	13

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Boston.....	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0		— 5
Southbridge	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	— 1

*Out by being struck with batted ball.

Time of game 1 hour 45 minutes. Runs earned—Boston 2; two-base hit—Lovely; three base hit—Johnston; bases on balls—Boston 3, Southbridge 1; first base on errors—Boston 1, Southbridge 2; struck out by Stemmyer 14, by Stafford 3; passed balls—Kane 4, Gunning 2; wild pitches—Stemmyer 1, Stafford 1; left on bases—Boston 5, Southbridge 1; double plays, Edmunds and Lovely. Umpire, Brennan.

Rod and Gun Club.

The Quinebaug Rod and Gun club held their second annual independence day shoot on their range last Friday. There was a good attendance and considerable interest manifested, especially in the match between the Quinebaug and the Charlton Gun club. This was the third and rubber match between the two clubs, the first being taken by the Quinebaugs. Below is the score:

QUINEBAUG.

F. B. Howe,	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	—6
W. H. Campbell,	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	—9
W. Harrington,	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	—5
C. Bradford,	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	—7
E. C. Ellis,	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	—9
F. M. Marble,	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	—6
E. M. Phillips,	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	—8
C. W. Williams,	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	—6
Total,											56

CHARLTON.

H. E. Brown,	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	—6
J. W. Cundall,	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	—6
E. Deon,	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	—8
F. Pike,	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	—6
J. R. Warren,	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	—8
L. E. Stewart,	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	—6
W. L. Bradford,	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	—3
I. Bradford,	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	—7
Total,											50

After the team match was decided, sweepstakes were shot by the members of the different clubs present, the Webster club being represented by Messrs. Bates, Graham, and Todd. The scores:

First Event—7 glass balls, Stewart, Todd, Bates, Warren, and Pike divided first; Harrington and Campbell divided second; L. W. Bradford and Howe divided third; J. Bradford divided fourth.

Second Event—7 clay pigeons, Graham first; Cundall second; Harrington third; Ellis and Stewart divided fourth.

Third Event—5 glass balls, Pike and Stewart divided first; Howe second; Todd and Graham divided third; Brown fourth.

Fourth Event—5 clay pigeons, Marble first; Harrington second; Williams and Campbell divided third; Cundall fourth.

Fifth Event—7 glass balls, L. W. Bradford and Deon divided the first; Bates second; Brown third; Stewart fourth.

Sixth Event—5 clay pigeons, Harrington and Todd divided first; Bates second; Graham and Stewart divided third.

Seventh Event—5 clay pigeons, Todd first; Stewart second; Harrington third; Cundall fourth.

Eighth Event—Two men team—5 glass balls each, Graham and Bates, Cundall and L. W. Bradford divided the first; Campbell and Porci second; Howe and Ellis, Harrington and Marble divided the third.

Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Bulfinch are spendnig a week in New York.

THE CHURCHES OF SOUTHBRIDGE. VI.

Evangelical Free Church.

INTRODUCTORY. 1880.

These articles were begun last summer, to furnish interesting local matter at a time when news was scarce and advertising dull. They dragged along till the season when there was more demand upon our columns and we were obliged to suspend their publication for a time. Now that the rush of holiday work is over we propose to continue and conclude them.

We invite our readers this week to something of interest about the Union church, as it is popularly called—or the Evangelical Free church, as it is more correctly named. This sketch gives a full resume of its history and present condition; and also presents several interesting facts which have not hitherto appeared in print. In its preparation we have detected several more errors in Jewett & Co.'s "History of Worcester County."

ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH. CREED.

As the manufacturing interests in Globe Village increased in magnitude, the population also increased and there was a demand for some religious advantages. From 1832 to 1844 the Methodist denomination held its meetings in that part of the town—in a school house on what is now Pleasant street, and in what is now the carpenter's shop near the iron bridge on Main street. In 1843-4 the Methodists began to occupy their new meeting house and Globe Village was again left without any local meetings. Soon after, about 1848, a union Sunday school was started, which met in the school house near West street, and continued several years. Out of that school grew a sentiment for a church, and the matter was agitated more or less till December, 1853, when several meetings were held in private houses, which resulted in the organizing of a church January 21, 1854.

The constitution of the Free church of Andover was used as a basis of organization and Rev. Mr. Brown of that church rendered aid in the preliminary steps towards the new Union church, which started on the basis of Christian unity and love for Christ—laying disputed questions of mere creed entirely aside. It was organized with twenty-nine members—eleven males and eighteen females. Of these, four were from the Methodist church, six from the Baptist, seventeen from the Congregationalist and two from the Congregationalist church of Oxford. Some of the persons, however, were of Presbyterian and Episcopal faith—there being no churches of these denominations in town. The Methodist, Baptist and Congregationalist churches of this town were invited to take part in the formal organization and recognition of the church. The two former, through their pastors Rev. O. S. Stearns and Rev. D. Sherman, responded. Rev. G. Trask of Fitchburg was associated with these gentlemen on that occasion. In addition to the non-sectarian character of the church it also took advanced ground on the temperance and slavery questions. It was started at a time when abolition of slavery was being considered by the churches, and adopted in its creed the following: "Believing that all persons who manufacture, sell or use intoxicating drinks as a beverage, slaveholders and apologists for slavery, do not practically honor Christ, they are not included in this invitation." The stringency of this requirement kept several from joining the church.

THE SOCIETY

was the result of a meeting held Dec. 27, 1853, at which a committee, composed of F. C. Litchfield, Jas. Gleason, Joshua Ballard, H. S. Vaughn, L. W. Curtis, Oliver Plimpton and William Healy, was chosen to make arrangements for a religious society. As a result twenty-eight persons petitioned D. F. Bacon, a justice of the peace, who issued his warrant to J. M. Cheney, for a meeting to be held Jan. 31, 1854, at which time the society organized. The following officers were chosen: T. J. Gregory, chairman; William Munroe, clerk; James Gleason, George Hanson, James Scott, assessors; Dr. L. W. Curtis, treasurer; C. F. Mellony, collector; John M. Cheney, H. S. Vaughn, Oliver Plimpton, choir committee; Festus C. Litchfield, Joshua Ballard, and H. S. Vaughn, pulpit committee.

PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION.—CLERGYMEN.

Though the church was organized on an unsectarian basis, the members putting aside all denominational preferences, it found that it would be compelled to take its pastors from the Congregationalist denomination, as no Baptist or Methodist could be settled out of his peculiar faith. On account of having Congregationalist clergymen the church has been more closely allied with that denomination than with any other, and has given rise to a popular theory that it is a sort of Congregational church. This intimacy between the Union church and the Congregationalists led, about 1865, to a proposition to consolidate with the South church, and build a new meeting-house between the two. Committees were appointed from both organizations, but the proposed change was deemed inadvisable. The code of principles of the Union church denies the authority of all ecclesiastical councils, conventions or conferences, and the pastors are simply hired from year to year. The first was Rev. John Cunningham, who preached from March 11, 1854, to March 25, 1855. His sister resided with and kept house for him. She has since became well known as "Jennie June." The next pastor was Rev. William C. Whitcomb, who stayed till June 30, 1857. The speeches, sermon, etc., at his settlement were printed in pamphlet. Copies of this are now quite rare. We quote the following from the remarks of Rev. Dr. K[illegible] of Boston:

> Yours is a Union church; formed, not for the purpose of making a new sect which shall absorb all others, but simply because it is the dictate of Christian wisdom and prudence in your circumstances. * * * For Christians in your circumstances to do just as you have done, I think not only most praiseworthy, but very important as an example in this country; particularly in the Western States. And we may say in Massachusetts too; for, her rapid development of manufacturing resources is forming new centres of population, and necessarily bringing together small numbers of different religious denominations. * * * * The grief of every intelligent Christian is, to see how the sectarian spirit retards the progress of the gospel. Every little village which can support one pastor, respectably, has two, three, or five. The consequence is, poor support, poor preaching, discouragement of pastors and people, and the contempt of worldly men for such folly.

Rev. Mr. Whitcomb went into the army as chaplain. The next pastor was Rev. Henry Loomis, who began his labors June 1, 1859, and stayed till ill health compelled his resignation in December of the same year. March 26, 1860, Rev. Thomas Morong began to preach; he stayed until January, 1863. April 14 of the same year Rev. M. L. Richardson assumed the pastoral duties and continued in them until Feb. 26, 1866. Rev. Austin Dodge preached from Nov. 14, 1867, to Nov. 1, 1870, and the next month Rev. F. A. Warfield began laboring here. He remained till July, 1873. He has had a remarkably prosperous career since, being now pastor of a prominent church in Boston. His successor was Rev. Geo. A. Jackson, whose term of service extended from June 1, 1874, to April 14, 1878. He possessed more than ordinary literary ability, and is the author of several books. Rev. George H. Wilson began work June 1, 1878, and resigned last Sabbath to accept a more lucrative pastorate at Biddeford, Me.

The attendance at charch is large; there is a considerable degree of interest and the finances are healthy.

LAST SABBATH

the reporter found that Mr. Upham had exchanged pulpits with Rev. T. T. Filmer of Webster. The platform was tastefully decorated with flowers, prominent among which was a floral cross rising from a mass of ferns. The pastor took for his text, I Peter ii:21"—And because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example." He first alluded to the old Antinomian sect which paid no regard to the moral law or good works; and then to the modern humanitarians who trust entirely to works. In all our churches there are many who though intellectually orthodox, incline practically toward one or the other basis. He then went on to show that neither Christ's atonement nor Christ's example are alone sufficient to save, but that both are necessary, claiming that this accords with the teachings of the New Testament and with man's nature. He further showed that the one makes the other possible. Many fear that they can not equal the example of Christ. His atonement makes the imitation possible and pleasant, even amid failures.

Entertainment Licenses.

A considerable breeze has been raised during the past week over an alleged peurile act of the selectmen in refusing to license but one entertainment in any single week. Investigation, however, shows that the action is much more reasonable than was reported. The vote of the board is as follows:

Voted to limit the number of shows to be exhibited in Southbridge the present year—not to exceed more than one show each week, or an average of one each week.

The clerk of the board informs us that the intent of the selectmen is to limit the number of shows to fifty-two during the year so as to reduce the temptation to foolishly squander money, but if several weeks go by without any entertainment, then more than one will be allowed the following week.

On looking over the JOURNAL files for the past year we find there have been only thirty-three entertainments in the halls—not including church fairs, exhibitions of home talent, temperance gatherings, etc., but including four lectures and three concerts in the Mozart course which was really a local institution; so that this official act will not reduce the number of entertainments. Some weeks when three or four shows are bulletined it appears as if the town was overrun with them, and on the strength of this the board acted, but no account is made of the weeks that pass by with nothing going on, which reduce the average.

Second Special Sermon.

Last Sunday Rev. F. Magwire preahed his second special sermon. His subject was "Why am I not a so called Evangelical?" He disclaimed any disrespect toward others by the words so called. His first reason was that logically it has no God. God is infinite, the great "I am" yet in the evangelical creed we find a being created by God and vested with infinite power. Thus the creed has two Gods. Waging war upon near equality. By the creed every man's sin is imputed to the devil. The creed says the heathen who never heard of Christ because denied an oppotunity to hear him are the property of Satan. I say logically there is no God under such circumstances. If there is a devil of such monstrous proportion, making such gains upon Gods children that by day and night he acts as seducer of thousands of souls, there is no God. I tell you my friends I never could join a church that tries to convert me to God by a great din in my ears as though He has forgotten that He created me with power of meditation and had always came to me in quiet ways and had taught me through Christ that the great qualification of worship and consecration is sincerity, to think thoronghly, to feel deeply, to act conscientiously and to take liberally of Him who has all time at His command, time to find out the right way. Now if I'm to believe in God it must be a spirit who seeks such as worship Him to worship Him in spirit and in truth. I find Him in the New Testament. Not in the evangelical creed, certainly not in its application. If I am to worship in spirit and in truth I must be free whether in pulpit or pew. I must not be told I'm in danger, that "unbelief is the most damnable thing in the world." I must not be opressed, hurried, and goaded to enter church relation and to give my assent to a creed, not that I am convinced it is God's truth but because I want to oblige or because fear settles over me like a fog. No! I must be free to read, to discuss, to interpose objections, to have a creed in my heart as well as in my hands, and to be ready to say "I believe" to my God on my bed in the quiet of night when alone with Him. For myself I say that if God is the God of the New Testament He is not the God of the revivalist and the popular creed. One has fatherly affection, generosity of purpose. He regards religion as a concern that lasts beyond a day of excitement and needs time for the strengthening of its roots in the hearts of men. The Universalist church stands above everything else for a perfect God, as perfect in justice and its penalties as in love, and its patient waiting. It has denied the caricature of Him. It has suffered as believing in Him. To enter the socalled evangelical church with all my respect for her manifold christian deeds and my admiration for thonsands of her communion would be to me the blotting out of all that makes God real and perfect, the loss of all that Christ came into the world to gain and the sacrifice of the proclamation of a God who values sincerity above success and counts not unbelief of dogma but unbelief of life a sin. As a minister I could not join that church. O how changed at the bed of sickness and in the hour of grief my duties would be if the bright hope in my heart were changed for a rayless night. If God and Christ in my creed should be submitted to a transformatian that henceforth I must speak of them as deficient of love and unable to save to the uttermost all who put their trust in them. Mr. Magwire alluded to the meeting of the American Board at Des Moines, Iowa, and the spirit in 1886 of a great denomination denying that opportunity of salvation would be given to the heathen who died ignorant of Christ. Lastly he said we do not need to go over to any church. The churches are coming to us. A man who died 50 years ago would need to be introduced anew to his old theological haunts. Once unbaptized infants were to be damned and the devil could be as well identified with hoofs and horns as any rascal Who sends unbaptized infants now to pillioried by Nast in *Harper's Weekly*. perdition? Who paints hell with material fire? What means this change? Is the devil dead? Is hell extinct? My friends all we need is to live our glorious doctrines and the world will come and go with us to saintliness of life and to a better knowledge of God and Christ in the world. Oct, 1886

July 5 THE FOURTH.

Southbridge.

The Fourth in town was perhaps one of the quietest days of the whole year, there being little or no excitement whatever. The day had more the semblance of a Sunday, but for the report of an occasional fire-cracker or pistol, discharged by some patriotic individual who had escaped the general exodus. Not that there was any lack of patriotism on the part of the inhabitants, but those intending to celebrate, had evidently concluded to do honor to the occasion by seeking pleasure and recreation outside of the town limits, towards noon Southbridge presenting all the appearance of a "deserted village". Early in the morning the Cadet band played a few enlivening airs before departing, and then quietness reigned supreme for the rest of the day. Towards evening the town wore a more lively appearance, as the excursionists began to return, and those who arrived before 8 o'clock, had occasion to congratulate themselves on escaping from the heavy rain which soon after followed. A few private displays of fireworks took place after dark, but the rain prevented many others that had been intended, and thus closed the 108th anniversary of our great national holiday.

Deaths in Southbridge during 1884.

Jan. 8. Charles Arthur, son of J. A. Letourneau, 4 years.
8. Lucy Mary, daughter of Harvey V. Newell, 14 days.
9. Elizabeth A. West, 48 years.
9. Frank F., son of Alonzo W. Olds, 35 years.
13. Mary Vinton, daughter of Harvey V. Newell, 19 days.
16. Elphegina Bourdeau, 2 years 2 mos.
19. Alice, daughter of Martin O'Brien, 20 days.
20. Onley P. Whipple, 66 years
27. Mary Cassian, wife of —— McHue, 50 years.

Feb. 1. Theotiste Demers, 42 years.
1. Louisa P. Stone, 78 years.
5. Johanna, daughter of James Murphy, 13 years.
9. Lewis Hart, 85 years.
14. Michael J., son of John Delehanty, 21 years.
15. Victor, son of James Gaumont, 1 year 7 months.
16. Thomas, son of Thomas McGilpin, 10 months 4 days.
17. Julia, daughter of Peter Fortier, 26 years 9 months 21 days.
19. Annie E., daughter of John M. Geer, 17 years 1 month 14 days.
21. Frederick Stead, 70 years
22. Joseph Dufran, 83 years 6 months.
25. Stephen Scarborough, 62 years 1 month 4 days.

Mar. 3. John, son of John Foley, 27 years.
5. Charles W. Vinton, 78 years 1 month 5 days.
9. Louis Noel, son of Peter Manderville, 33 years.
9. Elvira Belknap, 63 years.
29. Mary Roy Gaudette, 42 years 8 mos.

Apr. 1. Rosanna, daughter of Nelson Martin, 18 years.
6. Mary E., daughter of Joseph Gravelle, 9 months.
13. Hannah, daughter of Wm. O'Halloran, 5 months.
13. Richard Dwyer, 27 years.
16. Albina, daughter of Joseph Deon, 1 year 1 month 12 days.
16. Cyprian Whiting, 67 years.
17. Sarah D. Newhall, 81 years 11 months 7 days.
23. Martin McCarty, 35 years.
24. Julia, daughter of Patrick Sheridan, 7 months 4 days.
25. Julia Morse, 58 years.
30. Herman O., son of Orrin Aldrich, 9 months 8 days.

May 5. Helene, daughter of Peter Manderville, 20 years 11 month.
6. Bendette, daughter of Gelas Lucia, 6 months 7 days.
9. Frank Medina, son of Samuel S. Silva, 3 months.
15. Fanny Fay, daughter of Newton E. Putney, 3 years 10 months.
22. Elizabeth Duffy, 65 years.
25. Joseph N. E., son of A. Theopile Lamoureux, 9 years 5 months 1 day.
28. Almira K. Botham, 68 years.
29. Emma, daughter of Peter Bachand, 12 years.
31. Mary L. Chamberlain, 41 years.

June 5. Joseph, son of George Lamothe, jr., 1 month 10 days.
7. Victorina, daughter of Francis Bovin, 15 years 6 months.
8. Arthur, son of Eli Jacques, 10 mos.
19. Margaret Sheridan, 26 years.
23. Agatha B. Gagnon, 64 years.

July 9. Edward J. Duffy, 35 years 11 mos. 12 days.
14. Delia, daughter of John Wisher, 5 months 10 days.
17. Marie, daughter of Alex. Riband, 2 days.
17. Mary B., wife of Samuel S. Silva, 20 years.
25. Grace, daughter of Simeon Gadoua, 1 year 2 months.
30. Thankful Ammidown, 86 years.

Aug. 1. Mary A., daughter of Pierre Hayes, 2 years 2 months.
2. Lary L., daughter of Joseph M. Olney.
4. Bertha B., daughter of Charles F. Eccleston, 1 year 6 months.
5. Elisha Cole, 75 years.
8. A. A. Wales, 75 years.
11. Joseph, son of Alfred Marcelle, 9 months 1 day.
14. Mary E. Ford, 22 years 3 months.
15. Alice L., daughter of Edward M. Litchfield, 9 months 8 days.
18. Frank, son of Feb. Scarbo, 1 year 6 days.
19. F. Louise, daughter of George W. Cady, 1 year 6 days.
21. Eveline S. Burlingame, 27 years, 4 months, 27 days.
22. Joseph, son of Peter Bachand, 11 months.
31. Byron Harwood, 73 years.

Sept. 4. Ida, daughter of Ephraim Semard, 5 months.
10. Rosa Martin, 45 years.
9. Rosalina, daughter of Joseph Demers.
11. Sarah, daughter of John Walsh, 3 months, 15 days.
11. Mabel, daughter of Charles L. Horton, 1 month, 17 days.
16. Lucretia, daughter of Joseph Grandchaup, 2 months.
16. Ulric, son of Louis Savarist, 1 year, 4 months.
17. Patrick Welsh, 70 years.
17. Alfred Louis, son of Joseph Granger, 3 months.
18. Bessie S., daughter of Frank D. Handy, 2 years, 9 months, 13 days.
22. Marie Malvina, daughter of Honoria Dorval, 4 years, 8 months.
26. Arthur E. Crouch, 33 years, 6 months, 22 days.
27. Ellen Manilla, daughter of Frederick W. Fiske, 10 months.
27. Edwin O. Gilmore, 58 years 11 months.
29. John Metcalf, 68 years, 9 months.
30. Antoine Champagne, 74 years.

Oct. 1. Mary Tully, 62 years.
6. Melvina, daughter of Frank Montville, 10 months, 6 days.
6. Abial Hibbard, 85 years.
11. Rufus F. Young, 65 years.
16. Philomine, daughter of Felix Dufaus, 20 years.
22. Anastatea Callahan, 66 years.
24. Frank V., son of Frank P. Pratt, 22 years.
25. Mathildie Baudin, 49 years.
28. Samuel, son of Theopile Hull, 4 months, 15 days.

Nov. 1. Frank A., son of William C. Barnes, 17 years.
4. Joseph Cutter.
7. Mary Ann Munger, 78 years, 5 months.
9. Johanna Ryan, 88 years, 4 months.
10. Mary Ann, wife of Thomas Karnes, 38 years, 11 months, 3 days.
17. William P., son of Paul J. Whelan, 10 years, 8 months, 13 days.
18. Arthur, son of Daniel Dumas, 1 year, 2 months.
25. James K., son of William N. Perkins, 22 years, 1 month, 13 days.
26. John P. Stedman, 75 years, 11 months.
28. Frank H., son of James H. Kelly, 6 years, 3 days.

Dec. 6. Joseph A. Robillard, 31 years, 1 month.
7. Louise A. Jackson, 27 years, 6 months.
13. Alice S. Bracken, 26 years, 11 months.
20. Lizzie, daughter of James Gargan, 29 years.
22. Margaret Fennelly, 50 years.
25. William W. Corbin, 31 years.
28. Rosa, daughter of Patrick McInroe, 2 years, 7 months.
28. Sally Eager, 87 years, 10 months.
28. Mrs. A. H. Newbury, 69 years, 7 months.
31. Mary F. Ward, 38 years, 6 months.

Lake Mashapaug.

Camp Smith on Mashapaug lake, Conn., was the scene of a very lively gathering on the Fourth to celebrate the 108th anniversary of the nation's birthday. Early in the day visitors began to arrive from the surrounding towns and villages, until between four and five hundred had assembled on the grounds. Boating, swinging, fishing, and other amusements, were enjoyed by young and old, everyone being bent on having a good time and making the most of the day. Dancing commenced at an early hour. A cool refreshing breeze from the east added greatly to the enjoyment of the crowd of dancers who thronged the platform. Excellent music was provided for the occasion by the Southbridge social orchestra, under the leadership of J. O. Bourque, Prof. Sol. Blanchard acting as prompter in his well-known and efficient manner. Major Smith provided a Rhode Island clam bake for his guests, to which ample justice was done by the happy crowd. The gathering dispersed shortly after six o'clock well satisfied with their celebration of the glorious Fourth.

The JOURNAL has often alluded to the benefits and conveniences of the electric light and has urged its introduction into this place. We learn that arrangements are now in progress for introducing it on an extensive scale. The parties who are interesting themselves in this matter represent the Edison incandescent light—the one now in use at the Columbian mills. This light is no experiment, is capable of subdivision so that it can be used in offices and dwelling houses as well as in stores, and is free from the dangers attending other kinds. Any kind of ornamental fixture can be used as in the case of gas, and the light turned on by a switch which resembles the stop-cock in a gas pipe and works as readily. There is a central station provided with a steam engine and dynamo for generating the current and the wires radiate in all directions where needed.

The Webster Rod and Gun club have received a challenge from the club of Southbridge to shoot a friendly game at glass balls on the Fourth of July, in Southbridge, which has been accepted.

ANNALS OF SOUTHBRIDGE.

Local Notes in 1862.

Jan. 3. The necessity of a night-watchman becomes evident.

Concert by the Hamilton Brass band; at the close the leader, Mr. Hargraves, is presented with a fur hat and collar from the members of the band.

Full report of Christmas services at the Catholic church, conducted by Rev. Mr. Quan.

"Globe Village Lyceum" discuss the question, "Ought wealth to create distinctions in society?"

Banks throughout the country suspend specie payment.

Jan. 10. Program given of the old Alpha and Delta divisions of the high school.

Horace Bacon removes to a new and commodious stable on Main street.

Jan. 17. T. Potter & Co's grocery store takes fire from a burning chimney, but extinguished without alarm by the watchman.

Social gathering at the Edwards House parlors. Music furnished by Messrs. King, Bacon and Rowley.

Jan. 24. Sleigh ride to Brimfield.

A company of forty from this town go to Oxford to give Col. Dewitt a surprise party.

The lyceum discuss, "Are the fashions in dress of the present day an evidence of progress."

In Sturbridge, Linus Belknap's barn filled with hay was blown down by a gale.

Jan. 31. Notice of the work in town of the division of Sons of Temperance.

Lecture by Charles L. Balch in Dresser hall on, "European travel and the American war."

Feb. 7. Acknowledgment published from the New England Woman's Auxiliary association to the women of this town for a box of articles donated for the soldiers.

Continuation of dancing parties at the Edwards house.

Hamilton Cornet band give a concert in Brimfield.

Lyceum discuss "whether Jacob was justified in giving his mess of pottage to Esau."

Feb. 14. A sleigh ride of two hundred persons visit Brimfield.

A large flag flung to the breeze across Main street.

Feb. 21. The warrant for the annual town meeting with 19 articles published.

Local celebration of the capture of Fort Donelson.

Dr. West recovers in Wales, property stolen from his barn last December.

Feb. 28. Weekly reports of thieving operations continue.

An elaborate celebration of Washington's birthday participated in by the public generally.

The upper walls of the large freight house belonging to the Hamilton Woolen Co. gives way, making a perfect wreck of the roof and upper story of the building. Loss $2,000.

A post office established at Charlton City.

Close of a successful term of dancing schools by W. D. Merrill.

March 7. At the town meeting the following were elected as selectmen: Verney Fiske, Malcolm Ammidown, Jas. Gleason. School committee: Rev. Thos. Morong.

The cantata, "The Hay-makers," was given in Edwards hall with a crowded house.

The lyceum discuss, "Is it just and expedient to exclude the bible from common schools."

March 14. Closing exercises of the high school. Trial exercises of the Alpha and Delta divisions in Dresser hall. The prize drawn by Miss Sarah Marsh.

News received of the death of Joseph Hannon; the first of the Southbridge volunteers to lose his life in battle.

The house occupied by Wm. Lonsdale discovered on fire.

March 21. Night watch discontinued, the funds subscribed having given out.

March 28. Donation visit to Rev. W. W. Wilson, pastor of the Universalist society.

April 4. Fast day services were held in the Congregational, Baptist and Catholic churches.

Election of officers of the Sons of Temperance.

Joseph M. Olney, one of the crew of the Cumberland, returns to town for a brief visit and gives a graphic description of the engagement with the Merrimac.

April 10. Town meeting; a motion to reconsider the vote passed at the annual meeting, abolishing the school district system was warmly discussed.

A case of small pox in the "old boarding house."

April 18. A review of new buildings, includes residences of Schuyler Whitney, L Crawford, Ossian Crawford and David Newhall.

Edwin P. Wells and wife spent the Fourth in town.

Columbian building remodelled for six tenements.

A report of committee appointed to purchase a farm for the poor published.

April 25. Annual meeting of the Quinebaug Horticultural association; officers and committees chosen.

Annual meeting of the Globe Village lyceum, and election of officers.

An account of boxes sent to the soldiers by various religious societies in town.

May 2. Town meeting to discuss the subject of building a bridge and engine house at Globe Village.

N. B. Royce becomes proprietor of the Globe Village house.

May 9. Long reports of local thieving continued.

Annual meeting of the Tiger Engine company.

May 16. Annual meeting of the Melville Engine company.

May 23. Improvements in the cemetery noted.

S. C. Hartwell returns from Yorktown.

May 30. Hamilton Woolen company begin a large barn 100 by 40 feet.

Number of dogs licensed, forty-six.

June 6. An attempt to adopt the "cash system" by leading store keepers.

The town visited by a "Mamouth Show."

June 13. Congregational church repainted.

Extensive improvements on Main street.

Return of E. C. Pratt from Richmond.

June 20. A hard frost.

A portion of Hamilton street regraded.

June 27. Concert given at the Universalist church, in which the new organ was used for the first time.

A. H. Shepard takes possession of the semi-weekly overland express to Charlton and Worcester.

The work of building the new iron bridge commenced.

July 4. The remains of Edwin H. Plimpton brought to town.

The firemen take charge of a successful local celebration of the Fourth.

Members of the Melville Engine Co., have a new uniform.

Catholic Sunday school picnic in the grove opposite the church.

Miss Alice, daughter of Peter Clark, had a birthday party yesterday.

THE CHURCHES OF SOUTHBRIDGE, III.

1879. Oct. 16.

Universalist.

Though the Universalist church is not the oldest in town, there were representatives of that faith in town almost as early as of any other.

HISTORICAL.

Occasional Universalist meetings were held in the old parish church previous to 1835. Probably the first Universalist who preached in town was a Rev. Edw. Turner. In 1835 the Baptists bought out the interests of the others in the old meeting-house, and after that date occasional services were held in the hall over the hotel where the Dresser house now stands. Among those who preached there were Rev. Z. Baker and his brother of Dudley, and Rev. John Boyden of Sturbridge. Sectarianism, or rather bigotry, ran higher in those days than at present, for we are told that a well-known "evangelical" clergyman of these parts refused to be present at the funeral of a next door neighbor, because a Universalist was to officiate.

In 1838 the Universalists thought they were strong enough to have a society and more regular preaching. Consequently Henry Coburn, D. A. Hawkes, Jacob Edwards, Oliver Hooker, Jr., Rufus Fuller, Wm. B. Potter, Adolphus M. Cheney and Parker Morse petitioned B. D. Hyde, esq., a justice of the peace, to call a meeting of the subscribers for the purpose of organizing under the general provisions of the state laws. The meeting was held April 14, in the New England hotel—the site of the present Edwards house. 'Squire Hyde presided.

The name of the "First Universalist Society in Southbridge" was adopted. Daniel F. Newell, Parker Morse and Jacob Edwards were chosen standing committee; Wm. B. Potter, treasurer, and Daniel A. Hawkes, clerk. It was voted to engage Rev. John Boyden, or some other clergyman, for one-half the Sabbaths during the ensuing year.

Mr. Boyden was hired. Services were held for a while in the hotel hall and afterwards at the town hall. The latter place was used in 1841. In August of that year a lot of land was purchased of Michael O'Byrn for a meeting-house. Subscriptions were obtained for the erection of the structure, which was built in 1842. The year before Rev. Franklin Whitaker was engaged as pastor. He stayed till 1844, when Rev. J. M. Usher preached for a few months; he was afterwards prominent as a publisher. In 1845-46 Rev. R. O. Williams was the minister. He was succeeded by Rev. D. K. Lee, who remained till 1850. Mr. Lee has been the author of several Sunday school books.

In 1850 Rev. B. F. Bolles was hired and the Universalist church organized. Unfortunately the records of the church were destroyed with Dresser block. Mr. Bolles remained till 1852. He has since been a prominent preacher of this denomination. That year there seemed from the records to have been no regular pastor. Rev. Messrs. Cambridge, Elliott, Thayer and Slade occupied the pulpit. Rev. J. W. Lawton preached during the next three years. In 1856 Rev. Messrs. James F. Powers, John Nichols and B. F. Bolles preached. In 1857 Rev. W. W. Wilson began his work here, remaining till 1863. During this long pastorate he did much to build up the church. He was for a number of years a prominent member of the school committee.

Previous to 1864 the vestry of the church had been in use most of the time for tenements. After the great fire on the north side of Main street in 1864, which destroyed the building occupied by J. J. Oakes, the vestry was used by him as a store. In 1870 the vestry being unoccupied the society had it finished off into a suite of rooms comprising a parlor, kitchen and auditorium. They are used by the ladies' benevolent society and also as a place to hold fairs and various church gatherings.

Rev. A. B. Hervey began to preach in 1864. In 1865 the inside of the building was frescoed and an organ purchased.

In 1866 Mr. Hervey resigned and Rev. F. E. Healy preached about a year, when he resigned and Rev. F. C. Flint was engaged in 1867. He remained till 1874, having served the society faithfully as a pastor, and the town as a member of the school and library committees.

Rev. B. V. Stevenson, the present pastor commenced preaching the 1st of June 1874.

THE PRESENT.

The society is now in a prosperous condition financially. The membership of the church is 28. The seating capacity of the meeting-house is 350 and the pews rent for $850. The minister's salary is $1000. The clerk of the church is Sylvester Dresser; of the society, J. J. Oakes. The treasurer is Henry A. Morse. The singing is congregational, led by Messrs. King and Edmonds. Miss Mary Pellett is organist. The Sunday school is officered by Geo. M. Whitaker, superintendent, and Miss Josie A. Rice, assistant; Ed. M. Litchfield, librarian, and W. C. Barnes, treasurer. There is a ladies' benevolent society—Mrs. Geo. K. Dresser, president. The church committee is Henry A. Morse, Hartwell Hobbs and Frank Edwards.

Rev. B. V. Stevenson preached last week Sunday (this article was prepared for last week) from Psalms lxxiv: 22—"Arise, O God, plead thine own cause." David was in a depressed state of mind at the evil condition of things, and therefore made this request, which may at first sight seem a singular one to make of God. The Psalmist was in the position we are when we pray for God's blessing on the cause of righteousness. We know that the will of God will be brought to pass in his own good time and way. We also know that a part of his way is in making man an instrument to do his will. A part of God's way of pleading his cause is to make us work out our own salvation from sin—we being the cause, of which he is the first. It is therefore our part to do the work given us according to our knowledge of right. And whatever faith we may have as to God's sovereignty or man's free agency we feel that the right of choice between good or evil is ours, however that choice may be affected by circumstances over which we have no control. The true Christian prays, not because he is commanded to, but as the earnest expression of his soul; not for himself alone, but for the advance of God's cause.

Whatever question may be asked by metaphysicians relative to evil, the fact remains that Divine wisdom has permitted what we call evil to come into the world, and in some way best known to himself it becomes an agent to work out his purpose regarding man. Without doubt the cause of God for which the Psalmist prayed was the eradiation of evil and the advance of holiness.

And God is pleading his cause, in his acts of mercy, in the mission of Christ, in his promises; but to many this is an idle tale. The cause of God is the cause of righteousness. This we know from his character. The cause of much error in regard to the final result of God's work arises from forgetting his character—from forgetting the spirit of the living God and accepting the teaching of man. The cause of God is the cause of man and the cause of good, and he best serves God who seeks the the good of man, even as God seeks man's good. The work of God is the good of man, whom he has made in his own image and provided with immortal life. He who exerts himself to give man a higher position, who conveys a blessing to a poor suffering member of humanity is working the cause of God. Whatever is opposed to the best interests of man is opposed to the success of the divine cause.

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The Societies.

A. O. H. meets in Alden's Block, corner of Main and Pleasant streets.

Cercle de Canadien—1st Monday, and 2d and 4th Tuesdays, in Edwards block.

Doric Royal Arch Chapter—2nd Monday after full moon; Masonic hall, Whitfords block.

Foresters—2d and 4th Thursdays; Foresters hall, Memorial block.

Home Circle—2d and 4th Tuesdays; Union block.

Land League—1st Sunday in Old church on Hamilton street.

Quinebaug Lodge F. & A. M.—Monday on or before full moon; Masonic hall.

Royal Arcanum—2d and 4th Thursday evening; Arcanum hall, Ammidown block.

St. Anne's society—2d Sunday.

St. Joseph—1st and 2d Monday; Forester's hall.

St. Jean Baptiste; S. K. Edwards hall company's block.

Sons of Temperance—Saturday evening 8 o'clock; Journal building.

Southbridge Lodge Odd Fellows—Tuesday evening; Odd Fellows hall, Edwards block

G. A. R., Malcolm Ammidown Post, No. 168. Arcanum hall, 2d and 4th Fridays.

John E. Whitaker made a flying visit to town last week.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union held yesterday in this town, was a very earnest, successful affair.

The forenoon session was not largely attended. Mrs. Ladd of Spencer, county vice president of the state union, presided, assisted by Mrs. S. Dresser, president of the local union. Mrs. Wm. J. Keith and Mrs. Maguire were secretaries. Mrs. S. Dresser and Mrs. Walker were chosen a committee on questions. The time till noon was occupied with a praise meeting.

The encouraging signs of the times was the next topic in the question box. Mrs. Barrett said the past winter had been dark as regards temperance work. One of the favorable signs was the demand for W C T Unions in various places; there has been no deaths of unions, and the membership has been increased. Another good sign was the banding of the rum power against the W C T Unions, thereby admitting their power. With united, earnest work, everything will be full of encouragement.

Mrs. Ladd being called away to take the afternoon stage, her place as presiding officer was filled by Mrs. Walker.

The meeting last night was not largely attended. Mrs. McLaughlin spoke with her usual vigor and power. Her subject was the education of the young at home and in school, which she believed in more and more each day. She would have them educated from tobacco as well as alcohol. She alluded to the wonderful facilities for work which are furnished in this age; and had a scathing word for the apathetic, I-told-you-so, indifferent temperance people.

The introductory exercises were conducted by Rev'ds Upham, Danielson, and Magwire. May 3. 1882.

of the offices and the work to do. They are greatly interested and attend regularly in good numbers. Leicester reported a good membership and considerable interest. The reports from each different place was followed by an informal talk about the work there.

The committee on questions then reported a number of very interesting questions for discussion:

"What can we do to interest the young?" was the first. Mrs. Ladd read a paper on this subject, taking the ground that any woman whose whole heart is in the work can have an organization of children in her town. Use every means to get and keep the children—singing, story telling, pictures, black-board exercises, refreshments, etc. The paper was followed by an informal discussion of details.

"What can our young ladies do socially to promote the cause of temperance?" was the second question. Mrs. Walker suggested an autograph album with a pledge printed on each page, so that each autograph is a signature to the pledge. One lady suggested young ladies' Christian Temperance Unions, which are very successful in many places.

"How can we close the rum saloons in a town where license is granted?" Geo. M. Whitaker of the JOURNAL, recommended the law and order league system, which ignores differences of opinion on the temperance question, and arouses the members to see that the law as it exists, is enforced. The license law enforced is very prohibitory. The results of law and order leagues in some other places was given.

"What are your women doing?" was the next question taken from the box. Mrs. Barrett, secretary of the state union, detailed much of the work that had been done by the W C T U—heartier sympathy of churches and pastors. In more than forty towns temperance text books have been officially introduced in the schools, in many others temperance is being unofficially taught, Sunday school work, etc., etc.

"How shall a higher public sentiment be created?" Rev. F. Magwire thought the question ought not to be asked as a criticism by others. We are a part of the public. How can we as well as others, reach a higher sentiment? First, by a sense of personal responsibility; this begins with ourselves; what can we do as members of society in our homes, in our churches. Second, by creating a social atmosphere; by sympathy; by feeling that we belong to a great brotherhood, and are not above recognizing any one, no matter how lowly.

"What can we do as mothers? Mrs. Walker spoke of the power of mothers, of the danger of using intoxicating liquors in cooking.

Temperance periodical literature was considered. A number of papers, particularly those devoted to the W C T U, were favorable noticed.

The subject of smoking among the boys was next considered. Mrs. Walker spoke in condemnation of the practice. Rev. A. G. Upham thought it was an excellent sign that Christian men and women were turning their attention to the use of tobacco.

Sunday School Anniversary.

The sixty-first anniversary of the Congregational Sunday school took place last Sabbath afternoon. There was a goodly audience and the exercises, according to the program published last week, passed off very satisfactorily. The platform and table were decorated with bouquets. The superintendent's report showed that twenty had joined the school and thirty-six left, making the present number 224 as against 240 a year ago. The decrease was largely caused by deaths and removals from town.

The school is divided into 8 officers, 20 teachers and 196 scholars. The largest attendance was 153 and the smallest 83. The average attendance has not made as good a showing as previous years on account of the large number of stormy Sabbaths. The library has 261 volumes and the amount of penny collections has been $106.12.

Rev. J. Danielson alluded to human life as a journey and these anniversaries are mile stones. He then alluded to the bible journey taken during the past year, briefly summarizing the lessons studied. He expressed the hope that all had been made better for the studies and would enter the coming year better equipped for its duties.

Rev. G. De B. Stoddard of Brooklyn, [illegible], was the next speaker. The face of a child, like the face of a clock, is valuable only for what is back of it. The speaker then considered the Sunday school as a means of developing what is back of the children's faces. The Sunday school is *par excellence* the school for truth of the highest and best kind. Sunday school scholars should be truth seekers. The school should not merely impart knowledge, but it should organize, discipline and drill. It should inculcate a positiveness in Christian utterance, not so much in doctrine but in principles. Why do Sunday schools exist? Because an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Because more than one-half of the population of the United States are below twenty-one years of age. The dangers of the community lie in ignorance, unbelief and self-indulgence. A gigantic evil of the present day is church conservatism, a seeming indifference to the greatness of the dangers of the times, a lack of positive utterances. He urged the people to continue in their good work and see that correct ideas are written deep in the little hearts.

Rev. John M. Kremmen.

The peculiar fatality which has attended so many of our old or prominent residents continues, and this week we have the painful duty of recording the death of three. Two were elderly men who had passed—or nearly approached—the three score and ten, but the sudden demise of Rev. J. M. Kremmen of St. Mary's (R. C.) church removes from our midst a man in the prime of life, who but a few days ago was among us in apparent full strength, and capable of doing his best work.

Father Kremmen was born in Passage, County Cork, Ireland, April 29, 1845. He was brought to this country when two years old, and spent most of his boyhood in Lawrence, where he passed through the public schools, and was for a time a clerk in the postoffice. He fitted for college in an academy near Lawrence and afterward graduated in the class of '68 from St. Joseph's Theological school in Troy, N. Y. He was ordained there and stationed at Fitchburg as a curate, when his health broke down and he was quite ill for several months. In November, 1870, he was placed over the parish in this place; "sent here to die" he frequently remarked, referring to his weak condition at that time and apparent robustness since. He has been an efficient, faithful and active parish priest since his settlement here. Coming about the time the French and Irish parishes were divided, he has built a new church, rebuilt the parsonage which was destroyed by fire Jan. 14, 1872, built a chapel at Fiskdale, and rebuilt and refitted the old church on Hamilton street. He has also been prominent in various measures for the improvement and entertainment of his people, and was loved and respected by them.

As a citizen he was valued and esteemed. Positive and outspoken in his opinions, conservative in many respects, and liberal in others, with a freedom from bigotry, he was a power in the community. Some of his decoration day talks have been noticeable for their high patriotic tone. He was a member of the library committee, and also of the sub-committee for selecting books, and served with great intelligence and credit. He always emphasized the importance of the library as an educational institution and set his face against making it merely a means of entertainment.

As a man he was extremely genial and affable; well posted on a wide range of topics, he was a ready conversationalist whom one met with both pleasure and profit. He was ill but a short time and was not regarded in a dangerous condition till within a few hours of his death. The news therefore came with a peculiarly saddening effect upon the community by reason of its suddenness. Expressions of regard and appreciation of the man, and regret at his death, are universal, being most intense among those who had been so situated as to best know his genial, charitable, loveable qualities. He died of pleurisy to which were added pulmonary complications. Though apparently in robust health, he had always been troubled with affected lungs, which caused his death, and his whole life had been a struggle for existence. That under such circumstances, he should retain his geniality as a man, his faithful industry as a parish priest, and his good judgment in general matters is proof of his worth as a man.

The old and new churches and parsonage were appropriately draped with emblems of mourning Saturday afternoon; and many of all creeds called on Sunday to take a last look at the familiar features. At St. Mary's church, Rev. Fr. McDermott of Springfield officiated at low mass at 8:30; and Rev. Fr. Quann of Webster, again at 10:30.

The remains were removed to the church Monday, where they lay in state and were visited by many people.

Tuesday morning, the day of the funeral, was clear and beautiful, just such a one as would have been appreciated by the deceased with his keen love of nature. The factories, stores and business places generally were closed, as a tribute of respect to his memory, and in addition to the large number of our town's people who assembled to pay a last sad tribute, were many from the surrounding towns, and a few from a distance. There were in attendance seventy-six priests from all parts of New England to participate in the last rites over their brother. Among whom were Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Reilly of Springfield. Reverends M. E. Barry, Northampton; Thos. Beaven, Spencer; Chas. Boylan, Oxford; James Boyle, Grafton; G. E. Brochu, Southbridge; Joseph Brouillet, Worcester; R. S. J. Burke, Westboro; P. Callery, Florence; Jas. Canavan, Milford; E. D. Casey, Lee; J. A. Charland, Millbury; B. Conaty, Spencer; D. J. Cooney, Grosvenordale; D. F. Cronin, Hinsdale; John Conway, Winchendon; A. Delphos, E. Douglass; G. Dolan, Springfield; J. B. Drennan, Worcester; C. M. Foley, Worcester; D. F. Ferhan, Fitchburg; P. J. Garigan, Fitchburg; Thos. Griffin, Worcester; H. Graton, Southbridge; Charles Grace, North Brookfield; H. J. Harkins, Holyoke; T. F. Joyce, West Boylston; M. Kittredge, Millville; John Kenny, Indian Orchard; John Lee, Monson; A. A. Lamy, Three Rivers; A. Landry, Webster; G. F. Martin, Athol; L. J. Morris, Brookline; D. Moyes, Warren; J. J. McDermott, Springfield; J. J. McCoy, Worcester; C. A. McEvoy, Lawrence; J. D. McGann, Blackstone; C. T. McGrath, Somerville; David McGrath, Leicester; B. McKeany, Bondsville; M. C. McManus, South Lawrence; Thos. Murphy, Otter River; J. S. Nelligan, Southbridge; D. H. O'Neil, Worcester; M. A. O. Sullivan, Worcester; A. R. Peters, Holy Cross College; P. B. Phelan, Holyoke; W. A. Power, Blackstone; Thos. Preston, Danielsonville; Jas. Quann, Webster; John Radican, Webster; D. C. Riordon, Haverhill; H. L. Robinson, Uxbridge; M. Roonan, Lowell; Dennis Scannell, Worcester; J. T. Sheehan, Ware; J. L. Tarpey, Worcester; J. P. Tuite, North Brookfield; A. J. Teeling, Newburyport; G. Toher, South Hadley; Chas. Viens, Spencer; R. Welch, Worcester; M. A. White, Lawrence; R. F. Welch, Easthampton.

Among other prominent people from out of town were: Hon. P. J. Flatley, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Cremmin, New York; John and Miss Nellie Cremmin, New York; Miss Kate Corbett and sister, Boston; Jas. Keough and wife, Boston; Mother Mary of St. Joseph Home, Boston; John Conlon, Boston; Miss Kate O'Keefe, Lawrence; Hon. John Breen, John Hagan, Thos. and Miss Kate O'Callaghan, James Kelly and wife, sister of Fr. Kremmen, and two children; Joseph Murphy and

daughter, Providence; Jas. W. Heery and sister, Versailles; Dennis Kelligan, Monson; J. F. Heery, Monson.

In addition to the elaborate funeral decorations in the church, there were many floral displays about the casket and the side altars; noticeable were a broken column, "Our departed pastor," from the A. O. H., of Fiskdale; a harp with broken string from the St. Mary's Total Abstinence society; a pillow from the St. Mary's Sunday school teachers, a missal from ex-Mayor Breen of Lawrence; smilax from John Cremmin of New York, and a profusion of flowers from the A. O. H., of Southbridge.

The church was thronged, two of the aisles being crowded with those who were standing. Business men, prominent citizens, protestant clergymen, and many town officers were present. The library committee attended in a body.

The services began with chanting a litany by the priests, lead by Revs. Burke of Westboro, Megan of Blackstone, Drennan of Worcester and Phelan of Holyoke.

After this came a requiem high mass, Rev. James Quann of Webster, celebrant; Rev. Dennis Scannell of Worcester, deacon; Rev. John Lee of Monson, sub-deacon; Rev. John Redican of Webster, master of ceremonies. The uncertainty of life was brought vividly to mind while listening to the tremulous tones of the venerable Fr. Quann in such a contrast with the strong voice and robust figure presented by Fr. Kremmen so recently.

The eulogy was pronounced by Rev. C. T. McGrath of Somerville who spoke briefly. He said: Those outside the Catholic church can not understand the intimacy that exists between priest and people, or the affectionate union between the faithful Christian priest and his people. His whole power is used for their benefit; his voice is often raised to God in supplication for the pardon of their sins; he stands before them an example, and to point them the way to heaven. No wonder then that hearts are bowed in grief when God takes such a leader from them. No matter how well prepared he may be to go, his people feel a deep sorrow at his loss; their priest is more to them than any one else in the world; no wonder then that hearts are well nigh broken at his death. In the present case, the sorrow is exceptional. In our ranks not one holds a deeper place in the affections of his brother priests; no pastor was ever more in the hearts of his people. His whole ambition was to promote the interests of his people and the advancement of the holy church. His whole life was occupied in striving to promote the glory of God among his people. Without the people he could have done nothing; but the people without such a good priest for a leader, could not have done what has been done here.

The address concluded with an eloqent exhortation to the people to be faithful to his memory, to remember how faithful he had been to them, how he had administered the sacraments, prayed for them, exhorted them, consoled them. Though you see his noble presence and hear his voice no more, let him be always with you. And as his remains sleep under the shadow of the church he exerted himself so much

to build, kneel often at his grave, and pray that his separation from the righteous may be short, and that he may soon be with the saints in heaven.

At the conclusion of the address the last rites were performed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop; and the last leave of the deceased was taken by the thousands present. It was a most affecting occasion; the very audible sobbing of the Sunday school children in the gallery being peculiarly touching, betokening as it did the deep hold this kindly priest had upon the hearts of these children.

When the church had been cleared, the remains were born, to the chanting of the priests, to the front of the church, where they were committed to the earth amid the tears of those who had loved him as a friend, counsellor or spiritual guide.

In addition to the above a correspondent hands us the following:

At the close of the absolution which was given immediately after mass, the remains were borne from the center aisle to the one at right angles with it,

[illegible] allowed to take [illegible] last look of [illegible] Kremmen, who but [illegible] had stood before them [illegible] with their God for them, urging them to nobler, purer lives.

The children at this announcement broke forth into the wildest, most piteous cries, and as the people heavy with grief, wound in mournful procession past the remains of their much loved father, the sobs of the children rising ever and anon, formed a refrain so sad and weird that few can ever forget it.

The children whom he so dearly loved were second to pass in procession; first the boys, then the girls, marched slowly from the galleries; their childish hearts seemed unstrung with grief as they looked their farewell at him whose place can never be filled to them. Ah, little they knew when he bade them "good-bye" at the close of June, when their customary summer vacation was about to begin, that it was his last "good-bye."

But after the children, followed the saddest band of all, the Sunday School Teachers, his chosen friends, "favorite children" as he often called them. As they dwelt for the last time on that countenance the remembrance of his many favors, of the close sympathy that existed between them, of the work they had been so proud to carry on under his guidance, of the praises he had so often, and so lately lavished upon them, came crowding back and well nigh overpowered them; but they knew full well that by following closely in his footsteps, by imitating his purity of heart, by remembering his teachings, he will one day gather them around him as of old.

The relatives were the last to say "Farewell," and a lingering and loving one it was; sorrowful indeed, were their hearts when they saw the lid close over all that earth contained of their faithful friend.

After the six priests had borne the casket from the church, the whole body of prsests sang the closing chant which was so touching; and as their voices mingled in this prayer which rose to the very throne of God, a sort of peace stole over the people; and when the body was lowered and hidden away from sight, they realized what a powerful interceder had gone to their Heavenly Father, and they knew that their Farewells were meant but for a "little while."

W. S. Robinson, who has been in town as watchmaker for Wm. C. Barnes for ten years, during which time he has won many friends, is obliged to give up his situation and leave town on account of ill health. He will spend the summer at his former home in St. Albans, Vt., and then it is hoped he will be able to return to his position here, which will be for the present filled by Chas. Y. Jury. 6-86

and leaves a widow and five children."

THE CHURCHES OF SOUTHBRIDGE. IV.

Methodist.

HISTORICAL.

There were representatives of the Methodist faith in town at a very early date. During the existence of the poll parish they were co-proprietors with those of other faiths in the old meeting house, but occasionally had services of their own. As the societies already noticed formed distinct organizations, the Methodists united with one or another, although occasionally holding neighborhood meetings by themselves.

The following paragraph is found in Mr. Ammidown's historical collections. In speaking of the Sturbridge Baptists he says:

About the year 1768 there arose a serious difference of sentiment in this church regarding government and discipline. This caused a separation of its members. A new church was formed of those members who held to this form of admission; their residences were mostly in the east part of the town and in the west part of Charlton; they held their meetings in the neighborhood where the McKinstrys were located.

This church continued, according to the best evidence obtained, eight or ten years, and finally separated through some disagreement among themselves, a part embracing the doctrine of Methodism; and, this element continuing, may probably be taken as the origin of the Methodism which has resulted in the very respectable society of Methodists now established at Southbridge.

The correctness of some of the above is disputed by some of our local antiquarians, who deny that there was any split in the Sturbridge Baptist church or that the one above mentioned had anything to do with Southbridge Methodism. It is an interesting fact however, although omitted in the Baptist article and out of place here, that the first Baptist organization in town and the first regular meetings were held in a house which stood near the location of the present slaughter house on Pleasant street.

In 1825 there was a Methodist baptism in town and there are rumors of a class being formed in 1826. But in 1832 the Methodists first maintained separate worship, holding the meetings in the district school house which stood in front of Dr. Curtis' and was after moved to what is now the corner of River and Pleasant streets. Rev. Hezekiah Davis of Dudley was the first preacher. He was a "local preacher" and visited this town occasionally. The church was organized in 1834 and this town was placed in a circuit with several others. Two preachers were appointed to the circuit but by agreement those below mentioned located in Southbridge while the other pastor took the other towns. The first minister from the conference was Rev. F. P. Tracy, an eloquent young man of wonderful memory. He could listen to a sermon and then repeat it almost entire.

The school house proving too small the Methodists began holding their services on Watch night of 1839 in a room of the Hamilton Woolen company, in what is now the print works yard. Meetings were held there about a year. The society then engaged of the Hamilton Woolen company the upper story of what is now called the carpenter's shop —the old wooden building at the west end of the iron bridge.

In 1843 Jedediah Marcy gave them a lot of land and during that year the church was built. In 1855 the parsonage was built. The church was remodeled and the vestry enlarged in 1870. The building was rededicated March 20, 1871. The following is a list of the ministers who have been sent here and the date of the beginning of their term of service;

Rev. Ralph W. Allen,	for the	year	1836
" Stephen Puffer,	"	"	1837
" Samuel Beadle,	"	"	1838
" Freeman Nutting,	"	"	1839-40
" Willard Smith,	"	"	1841
" Stephen Cushing,	"	"	1842-3
" L. R. Thayer,	"	"	1844-5
" Chester Field,	"	"	1846
" Mark Staples,	"	"	1847-8
" Chas. McReading,	"	"	1849
" Wm. R. Bagnell,	"	"	1850-51
" David Sherman,	"	"	1852-3
" Joseph Denison,	"	"	1854
" John Caldwell,	"	"	1855
" J. B. Bigelow,	"	"	1856-7
" Ichabod Marcy,	"	"	1858-9
" J. W. Morey,	"	"	1860-1
" N. D. George,	"	"	1862-3
" T. J. Abbott,	"	"	1864
" J. W. Lewis,	"	"	1865-6-7
" Wm. A. Braman,	"	"	1868-9
" Wm. Silverthorn,	"	"	1870-1-2
" Wm. A. Nottage,	"	"	1873-4-5
" J. C. Smith,	"	"	1876-7-8
" E. S. Best,	"	"	1879

Rev. Mr. Sherman was the first to be "stationed" here, the others above him were sent to this "circuit" as above noted. Mr. Staples did not occupy the pulpit all of the last year on account of ill health and Rev. Franklin Gavitt preached several months.

PRESENT.

The church auditorium will seat about 400; the pews rent for $1100, of which the pastor has $1000, his house rent is also given him. About $200 is raised by contributions for benevolent purposes. The local benevolent societies are a woman's social circle and a branch of the woman's board of foreign missions. The president of the former is Mrs. Joseph Fellows; Vice President, Mrs. Lucian Marcy; Secretary, Mary E. Clemence.

The church membership is 190. The officers are;

Trustees—T. S. Wheelock, J. S. Tufts, Wm. Comstock, J. M. Clemence, H. D. West, J. A. McKinstry, Jos. Williams, Ephraim Dakin and Isaac Angel.

Board of Stewards—J. A. McKinstry, Otis S. Brainard, Joseph Fallows, M. L. Brainard, Jos. Williams, Franklin Jacobs, Vernon Joslin, James Sanders and J. E. Clemence.

Class leaders—Daniel F. Walcot, Andrew Thompson, C. Abbott, Otis S. Brainard.

The Sunday school is officered by Dr. H. D. West superintendent, Emerson Chase, assistant, F. Jacobs treasurer, A. L. Streeter, librarian. There is also a branch at Sandersdale of which C. Abbott is Superintendent.

The singing is congregational, lead by P. T. Litchfield, Mary E. Clemence organist.

LAST SABBATH.

Rev. Mr. Best preached from II Kings xvii:33, speaking of the part that fear and love should play in Christianity, and contrasting the true interplay of these with the mongrel religion of those Pagans alluded to in the text who feared God but served their idols. The speaker claimed that some fear is necessary in true religion —a person must fear God's displeasure, but a religion of only fear is narrow and leads to superstition. It is not right to rush to the other extreme and contemplate only the benignity of God, never thinking of His hatred of evil or that He will punish sin. Man cannot be frightened into religion but oftentimes the only way to arrest his attention is to warn him of the results of his disobedience. That will cause him to stop and think, then the love of God can be taught. True service is one of joy and delight—a labor of love. The man that only fears God is a reluctant time serving Christian. Yet there are many such, many who fear God when in trouble and then forget him; even many church members fear God but worship their own idols—wealth, fashion, lust, etc. The speaker closed with an exhortation to each hearer to examine himself and ascertain if God has his whole heart, and that there is no idol there.

It may interest the readers of the JOURNAL who are following the editor's journeyings down East to know that the New York & New England railroad sells tickets from Southbridge to Bar Harbor, Mt. Desert, and return, with a choice of four routes including carriage transfer in Boston, for $14.00. Tickets from Southbridge to the Isles of Shoals and return can be obtained for $8.00, and to the hotel Wentworth and return for the same price.

Quinebaug Lodge ... were installed last Tuesday ... by the District Deputy ..., J. M. Cochran, assisted by a suite consisting of P. T. Litchfield, U..., and Messrs. Ladd, Edmonds, Hall and Warren. After the work had been accomplished in an impressive and successful manner, the District Deputy called upon the first master of the lodge, C. A. Dresser. Mr. Dresser spoke a word of welcome to all, and congratulated the lodge on its prosperous condition. Nearly a quarter of a century ago thirteen masons were found in Southbridge and Sturbridge who were desirous of having a lodge organized here. Application was made to the grand lodge for a charter, when it was found that a charter was already out covering this territory, although no lodge had been operating here for 31 years. The grand lodge had taken great pains to get possession of the old charter but without success, and now those desirous of organizing added their labors to those of the grand officers. Finally, after search in every conceivable place, and after looking through box after box of old papers belonging to old residents and their descendants, the search was successful, the papers being found packed away in Somerville. The obstacles having been removed a new charter was obtained in due time. Meetings were first held in a hall in the tavern which stood on the site of the present C. A. Dresser house; afterwards in a hall over what is now Faulkner's saloon. The speaker then presented to the lodge a fine portrait of himself, painted by the well-known artist Willard, trusting that the sight of it in the lodge room might recall the early struggles of the lodge, and stimulate the young members to zeal and activity in the interests of masonry.

N. D. Ladd, in behalf of the lodge, accepted the portrait with words of thanks and reminiscence, alluding to the debt of gratitude due Mr. Dresser for all that he had done for the interests of masonry in this place.

At the conclusion of the speaking, the suite of grand officers retired, and the new worshipful master, F. W. Rowley, closed the lodge and the company repaired to the banquet hall, where an ample collation was served; after which the company lingered about the apartments conversing, dancing, and viewing the painting till a late hour. The affair was very pleasantly conceived and carried out. The following have been the masters of the lodge since its institution:

Chester A. Dresser	1859, '60, '61, '62, '63.
Levi Bartlett	1864, '67.
Samuel Harrington	1855
Noah D. Ladd	1866.
Charles S. Edmonds	1868, '69.
Pliny T. Litchfield	1870, '71, '72, '73, '75
George F. Wall	1874.
John M. Cochran	1876, '77.
Otis S. Brainard	1878, '79, '80, '81.
William H. Clarke	1882, '83.

THE BLIZZARD.

Last Monday afternoon and evening the wind blew at a rate hardly ever before experienced in this vicinity. Trees, chimneys and in some cases church spires and buildings fell before the terrible protest of the [illegible] blew in powerful gusts.

The highest velocity of the wind recorded at the Dudley observatory was at the rate of 40 miles per hour.

IN SOUTHBRIDGE

the principal damage was done to the South church. The wind broke off the spire just above bell tower. The spire turned a somersault and dove top first into the center of the roof and buried itself in the building, leaving only a small portion of the base protruding. Several large spruce trees in the cemetery were blown down, also one in front of the residence of James Taylor on South street, and others in other places

Chimneys on the residence of Harvey Newell, on a tenement house on Elm street, and other places, were blown over. The new tin roof of the Hamilton Woolen company's barn was badly damaged, being in an incompleted condition.

Particular havoc was made with the bulletin boards, over three hundred feet being leveled.

Among former residents, whom we noticed at the dedication of the Congregational church, were Mrs. W. A. H. Grant of Providence, Mrs. Jas. Parker of Holliston, Mr. and Mrs. Eddy of Webster, John Danielson of Providence, James Ames of Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Wall of Worcester, Mr. Lane of Ware, Miss Lillian Cooke of Boston, Mrs. H. W. Jackson of Worcester, and others.

Patrick Duffy, for many years a resident of Southbridge, and for a time of the firm of Duffy & Lewis, died last Sunday at his home in Peabody of consumption. The Peabody *Press* says: "Mr. Duffy has been in poor health for several months, and unable to attend to his business. During his brief stay here he made many friends, being a warm hearted and generous man. He was about 45 years of age and leaves a widow and five children."

Picnics.

The first picnic of the season was that of the Pinafore company and invited friends to the number of eighty at the Point of Pines, Brookfield. The amusements consisted of dancing and skating together with boating; the day was a very enjoyable one to all. Music was furnished by J. O. Bourque, and Sol. Blanchard was fully equal to the occasion as prompter.

Next came the Universalist Sunday school who visited Hooker's grove at Walker pond. The company numbered eighty. The fine weather and natural attractions of the place made the occasion a subcess.

Yesterday the Baptist Sunday school to the number of 103 went to Point Breeze, Webster. The heavy rain materially lessened the enjoaments although a good time is reported.

The Methodists are contemplating a picnic next week.

Among the Churches.

Rev. S. Hayward has completed his vacation and services will be resumed at the Union church next Sunday.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Rev. A. G. Upham, who is spending a few days in town, has kindly consented to give a familiar talk on Montreal, at the Y. M. C. A. rooms this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. All men, whether members of the association or not, are most cordially invited to be present.

Young Men's meeting at the usual hour Monday evening; subject, "Is it hard to be a christian": Matthew xi:28-30; Luke xiv:25-35. A hearty invitation is extended to all men to attend these meetings which are always full of interest.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1884.

Southbridge, Mass., is having a big snake sensation. Some person has seen the reptile and declares it is twenty-five feet long and can open a mouth that looks like the entrance to a cave. Of course, everybody knows this is a boom for Southbridge as a summer resort, and it is not the province of any paper to deprive the citizens of their little snap.—*Woonsocket Reporter.*

The many friends of Conductor L. Holmes of the New York & New England railroad will extend their sympathy in his bereavment, occasioned by the death of his 18-year-old son, Louis, from typhoid fever last week Wednesday.

DR. S. C. HARTWELL.

The followin obituary sketch has been handed us by a correspondent:

To the Editor of the Southbridge Journal:

Dr. Samuel Cyrus Hartwell died in Southbridge Aug. 1, 1885. He was born here March 28, 1820, the son of Dr. Samuel Hartwell and Lydia Hartwell, daughter of Major Calvin Ammidown, one of the leading citizens in the early history of the town. The strong individuality and traits of mind and character that made his ancestry quite distinguished, descended to him and made him in youth a marked character among his associates. His mind was active, his memory retentive, and his fondness for reading unusual. He was as a lad apt and accurate in scholarship, diligent in study and obedient to rules. His preparatory course to the study of his profession was limited to the public school of his native town, and a few terms when under fifteen years of age at Dudley and Monson. Yet his study and constant reading had been so careful and his mental training so well directed from his own inclination and habit that at eighteen, having then closed his student life at school and commenced reading for his profession, he had acquired a good English and classical education, and in culture would rank higher than most college graduates of that period. He pursued his course of reading in the office of his father for a time, and entered the Jefferson medical college at Philadelphia, then under Dr. McClellan, father of Gen. Geo. B. McClellan and a friend and acquaintance of Dr. H., senior, receiving his diploma from that institution in 1839. Returning home he commenced his medical practice here, and was for some time in practice also at the general hospital in New York city. He attended his first patient while yet a minor.

For a period of about eighteen months in the years 1851 and 2, he took care of the business of Dr. Greene, a distinguished specialist in throat diseases, in N. Y. City, during his absence in Europe, and at the conclusion of this professional experience, returned to his home establishing himself for practice as a partner with his father under the name of S. & S. C. Hartwell which continued until the death of his father in 1874. March 18, 1844 he married Miss Ellen M. Plimpton, daughter of Moses Plimpton, whose life and character has received appropriate notice in the history of the town by Holmes Ammidown as one of the leading citizens here in all matters, designed for the "elevation of the people and society about him." His widow survives him and two daughters, Miss Ellen P. Hartwell and Mrs. Belle T. Fiske wife of F. W. Fiske, recently the teacher of the classics at Greylock Latin School at Williamstown, Mass., and at the High School in St. Paul, Minn.

This long and eminently skilful and successful career as the leading surgeons and physicians in this section of father and son from 1817 to a recent date, extending to almost every family and neighborhood throughout this part of the county, won for each an affectionate regard and a just distinction that entitles their memory to more than a passing notice. And now that the last has closed his life career—his life and character entering into those of the community in which his work was chiefly done, it is but a reasonable tribute to his memory that some record of his characteristics should be preserved for one who in his own triumphs has achieved honor for the people among whom he lived and died. In his profession he was well up to the best in his knowledge of pathology—quick to detect diseases, and ready to apply the best remedies, rarely wrong in his diagnosis, or unsuccessful, when relief was possible. He was a careful student in the science of his profession, and consequently well posted in all improved remedies and methods of treatment. He was devoted and attentive to his patients, kind and thoughtful of their feelings, and sympathizing as a friend in their sufferings. In more than one instance his accurate knowledge of chemistry enabled him to extemporize compounds out of common ingredients at hand in places where the proper remedies could not be had in season to save life, antidotes for poisons, that proved to be successful. The writer has heard the doctor relate these instances, with a satisfaction that could not have been greater, had the patients been his own children, instead of those in rural districts away from his own. Standing easily as the leader in his profession, both in the confidence and estimation of the people generally, he won that distinction as the reward of a faithful use of his best efforts to that aim of his life.

But we have other reasons for thankfulness and pride in our recollections of Dr. Hartwell as a man and a citizen. The professions and the scholars of this community, for the past forty years, can select from their number no man whose ready and accurate knowledge of authors and books was greater or whose general reading had been more extended. He was modest and retiring, disdaining all pedantry and conceit, and only necessity or the stimulus of close companionship and social relations could spring the fountains of his rich and rare attainments in this respect. Fond of hectoring his acquaintances sometimes by gesting in wild suggestions, as if to test the sincerity of their convictions or the accuracy of their knowledge at the expense of their consideration for his own, he was said to be peculiar. He would explode the vanity of others, with a power of ridicule, not unlike his father. But in serious conversation among his friends his gift and power of elegant expression, and his fund of information made him one of the most entertaining conversationalists that has ever been bred in this community for agreeable association with more pretentious men of letters than he assumed to be. These gifts of his were indeed remarkable, and served on numerous public occasions to bring honor to him in his power of forcible, clear and elegant discussion of public questions, in which he was always an active and influential participant, and assigning to him the rank of leader. In this he had no peer among us. We shall long remember repeated instances here in public meetings, when some of his speeches—for power and polished expression—for concise and clear logic—for happy and appropriate thought—for humor and sarcasm would rank high among those of our public men. If on any occasion for a quarter of a century a ready and easy presiding officer was desired, or a happy address was to be made, Dr. H. was the citizen selected by common consent for the duty, and no one caviled at the popular judgment in that respect. He was never at all solicitous or ambitious for public office. Yet for many years no man but him was considered for moderator of town meetings simply because no one could preside so well. He was, however, often elected to town office, serving as assessor, auditor, overseer of the poor, as member of school and and library committees, and upon many special and important committees. He was always in public matters a man of independent convictions, fearless in his defence of them, and faithful in the discharge of official duty. Though naturally conservative, he was an advocate of all reasonable expenditures for public improvements and did much to secure the public library. Many will remember his eloquent speech in town meeting in its behalf, and the deep interest he took in its welfare. He was accustomed to spend much of his leisure in its reading-room in the perusal of books and periodicals.

Once he found himself in sharp conflict with the judgment of many of his best friends in the village regarding the construction of a railroad to East Brookfield by the town. They were solicitous of his influence, but he adhered to his personal convictions regarding its propriety on principle, and in a series of masterly speeches at a series of meetings led on the opposition to repeated victories. Its friends finally abandoned the enterprise in overwhelming defeat, and few now will be disposed to question the wisdom of the action of the town. Again, in the exciting political campaign of 1860, for our member of congress, there was a vigorous attempt made by Hon. Eli Thayer to defeat the republican nomination of Mr. Bailey, and Dr. H. entered actively into the campaign in behalf of Mr. Thayer, canvassing the town himself and making several able speeches in different parts of the district in support of his candidate, one said to be his best in the city of Worcester. The famous debate in Edwards hall between Dexter F. Parker and Mr. Thayer was the result of the doctor's zeal to answer the challenge of friends at home whom he calculated to silence by that expedient. But the outcome was quite the reverse of his expectations. He had misjudged the quality of a man that Parker was, and his great power as a popular speaker, for he was more than a match for Thayer. The doctor had then made a canvass of the voters of the town, assured of his ability to carry its vote as he did by a small majority for Mr. Thayer, but the result of the debate was so decidedly in favor of Parker as to stagger the cause of Mr. Thayer, ending in his defeat. This event illustrates the persistency and courage he had in his own convictions even against those of his immediate friends. He was for many years a member of the board of trustees of the Southbridge Savings bank and vice-president of the corporation, his name being dropped at the last annual meeting in May in consequence of his sickness and inability to attend the corporation meetings. He was elected to the Massachusetts house of representatives for the year 1881 without solicitation of his own, and was a valuable and influential member of the committee on public charitable institutions. That committee was the important one of the session and accomplished needed reforms by simplifying and reorganizing the whole system of the management of these institutions by placing them all under the control of a single board, and carefully defining its duties and powers. In that work Dr. H. rendered faithful service, and he brought to its aid great good sense and reflection. He served one term acceptably as medical examiner of this district, but was not a candidate for reappointment and named his own successor.

Dr. Hartwell's record of loyal devotion to the cause of the union in the war of the Rebellion, was honorable to himself and the town beyond that of any among us. Early in September, 1861, he was examined and accepted as a surgeon in the federal army, and soon after assigned to a Mass. regiment in the field. But sickness prevented his leaving home then, and upon his recovery in the spring of 1862, he voluntarily went to Washington and tendered his services as a volunteer surgeon in the Army of the Potomac, and was accepted and assigned to the hospitals at Yorktown, Va., for duty where he served from April 9, to May 17, 1862. Returning home he discharged the duty of medical examiner of volunteers until Aug. 16, 1862, when he was commissioned first surgeon of the 38th regiment of Massachusetts volunteers, and sent to Maryland, was detailed to the staff of Gen. Emory, then commanding the department. After the capture of New Orleans he went with Gen. Emory's command to Louisiana and was assigned to perform there the arduous and responsible duties of medical director of the division, which office he held to the end of his military service. He was engaged in the famous Red River campaign, and became disabled for duty, resigning at the urgent solicitation of his father, and was discharged with honor and the regret of his commanding officer March 2, 1864, for disability, and returning to his home, with his health greatly impaired. So now his name stands at the head of the "Roll of Honor," in the record of the valiant soldiers of the town in the great conflict, and no one will dispute his title to that distinction won as a reward for his merit in the estimation of his accomplished commander. But no one here has ever heard Dr. Hartwell boast of his services in the army, or parade that as a claim for personal consideration, to distinguish him from any among his fellowmen. He was also selected commander of the first Grand Army Post here.

He was naturally sociable, chatty and kind hearted, and disposed to assist the needy and unfortunate, and warm in his friendships, yet confiding to few his sufferings and ills, but bore them all within himself with resignation and cheerfulness. He was calm and reflective, and not easily disturbed or thrown from his balance. For a long period it now transpires, though not generally known he has been suffering from a spinal disease, that has at times caused him much pain and anxiety, the final results of which he was himself conscious, terminating fatally as it did. To the gloomy forbodings that haunted his mind, can be traced all there has been in the life and career of Dr. Hartwell, to deprive him of the highest regard of our people, as one of our most noble and distinguished citizens.

A. J. B.

The funeral was from the doctor's late residence Tuesday. The attendance was large, including representatives of all departments of the town's official, business and professional interests, besides many neighbors and representatives of families where the doctor had been their physician. The exercises were impressive and appropriate, conducted by Rev. G. Easterbrook. The G. A. R. attended in a body in uniform, acting as escort to the procession.

At a meeting of the St. Mary's Total Abstinence society, July 18, 1886, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, An All-wise Father has seen fit to lead home from among us, Our Beloved Pastor, Father Kremmen. And

Whereas, In him we have found a true friend, and one who, by his genial disposition and purity of character, gained universal respect and affection; be it

Resolved, That we members of the St. Mary's Total Abstinence society, express our heart-felt sorrow at our great loss, and our sincere sympathy with those who have experienced a yet greater.

The Enterprise.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1874.

IN MEMORIAM.

SAMUEL HARTWELL, M. D., died at his residence in this town on Thursday, August 27, aged 80 years, 11 months, and 27 days, after a long and painful sickness, which he endured with unusual cheerfulness and patience. He was prostrated in February last, and then resigned himself to the fate which he realized must soon cut short his earthly career, but was comforted and sustained by the belief that he had been accepted through the atoning blood of Christ, and become a child of God, with the hope of the inheritance promised to the righteous in the realms of immortal glory. He was never united with any church, but was an humble believer in the cross of Christ.

Though his demise had been long expected, still when it was known that he had passed to his final rest a deep shadow of gloom came over our people, and made sad and sorrowful many hearts. He had been so long identified with the highest and best interests of the people of this place, and so conspicuous in all public matters, that it seemed as if one of the pillars of our social fabric had crumbled away and left the structure weak and toppling, with no material at hand to supply its place. His superior professional skill, also, was so generally acknowledged that it was in constant demand in this section of the county so long as he was able to practice, and caused his loss to be felt as a calamity.

Dr. Hartwell was born in Oxford August 30, 1793, a son of Samuel Hartwell, and received his education in the district schools and in Leicester Academy, preparatory to his professional study. He had a mechanical taste and genius, and in 1810 was apprenticed to Joshua Lamb of Leicester, an architect and builder of renown, and continued nearly two years at the trade.

In 1813, in company with Alden Denny, Esq., he erected a carding mill on the site of the present big mill in Rochdale, formerly called Clappville, which was then a wilderness with but a single dwelling. They also constructed the machinery used in the mill, and after the completion he sold out his interest in the establishment to Asa Mann, who, with Denny, operated the mill until a period of time within the memory of many living.

During a visit of his brother, Dr. Cyrus Hartwell of New Jersey, to the homestead, Samuel was persuaded to go back with him and study medicine, which he consented to do, and was graduated from the medical school connected with Columbia College in New York City, in 1816, under such eminent instructors as Drs. Mott, Percer, and others of like rank in their profession.

After graduating the doctor resolved to return to his native State for the practice of his profession, and visited Franklin first with a view of locating there, it being then a place of considerable importance. But Dr. Dean, then a young man, who afterward became a person of eminence in his profession, and established and endowed Dean Academy in that place, had just opened an office there, so that it did not appear advisable for the subject of our sketch to locate in that town; and his attention was next turned to Southbridge, just incorporated as a town, and indicating an enterprising spirit in manufactures, and promising to become a center of trade and business. Here he opened an office in 1817, only a year after the town was incorporated, and continued his residence here until his decease. There were then but about one thousand inhabitants here, but the town has slowly and steadily grown and seems destined to fulfil the prophecy of its founders.

The doctor was at once thrown upon his own resources among other practitioners of standing, and found it slow work at first with the opposing influence of Dr. Harrington thrown across his pathway at every step. Drs. Harrington and James Walcott were old and established physicians then, but the ability of Dr. Hartwell was soon discovered and he advanced in his practice rapidly. Dr. Pliny Arnold, in 1820, was a student in the office of Dr. Hartwell, and left town before completing his studies, who afterward became an eminent druggist in New York City.

In 1819 Dr. H. married Lydia, the daughter of Major Calvin Ammidown, who was the most eminent of the leading men in this section at that time, whose influence was seen in all public events. The relation of Dr. H. to Mr. Ammidown and his son as prominent and enterprising men, with a taste of his own leading him in that direction, was such that, in 1821, he was interested with Hon. E. D. Ammidown, his brother-in-law, Moses Plimpton, Samuel L. Newell, and others in erecting the Columbian cotton mill, and also, operating it until destroyed by fire in 1844. He, with Holmes Ammidown, Esq., in 1831, under a general act, organized an aqueduct company for the purpose of supplying many of the dwellings in Center Village with water, and the corporation still exists, furnishing water to the proprietors.

In 1833 the doctor and E. D. Ammidown assisted in the project of securing a road connecting us with Worcester, and securing the stage line between Worcester and Hartford through this place, which then passed through Sturbridge. They were successful in their efforts, first in getting the new road by way of the "Gulf," as it is called, and next in getting the stage line. Dr. Hartwell was also once an owner in the line of stages, through this place between Springfield and Providence. When the town house was built in 1837; Dr. Hartwell was very prominent in the work as chairman of the building committee. In 1843 he traveled one season in Europe, especially among the extensive manufacturing places, in company with Mr. E. D. Ammidown.

The Columbian mill was burned in 1844, and the affairs of the corporation were then closed out, the stockholders loosing heavily, and from this time the doctor was not interested in any manufacturing business. His wife died in 1848.

In 1846 strenuous efforts were made to get a railroad from Charlton Depot here, to be built by the Western Railroad Company, and Dr. Hartwell was active in the plan, and was chairman of a committee to secure of the legislature enactments necessary to carry it into effect.

Dr. Hartwell was with others engaged in making surveys for a railroad between Worcester and Hartford through this place, and also up the McKinstry brook to Brookfield, and with most of our citizens regarded connections by railroads west of us of great importance to the town. He was president of the Savings Bank here from 1850 to 1874, and was chairman of the committee of the town in 1854, to oppose its division, and in position of moderator of public meetings, selectman, treasurer, highway surveyor, and chairman of important committees, did service to the town frequently and always faithfully.

In connection with his practice, which he never entirely abandoned so long as his health would permit its pursuit, he devoted considerable time to agriculture, and by practical experiment acquired a fund of knowledge regarding it unequalled by any farmer in this section.

He was a member of the State Board of Agriculture and an intimate friend of Prof. Agassiz and other scientific men interested in agriculture in this State.

In 1873 Dr. Hartwell caused to be presented to the town the subject of introducing a supply of water, and was made chairman of a committee to investigate the subject and report thereon. The deep interest which the doctor took in this subject, and the enthusiasm with which he pursued it, preparing clear and carefully-arranged reports and presenting them to the town with great dignity and force, are familiar matters to all who attended the meetings. The plan failed, but his energy and attention discovered for us the true source of water supply if ever we shall reach the condition of wealth and population that would reasonably justify us in undertaking its introduction. The doctor was a director in the Southbridge Mutual Fire Insurance Company and a member of the Library Committee. He was a valuable member of any committee, because he was always at his post promptly and never allowed any duty to be half performed. He would have it completed, and any information necessary fully obtained and ready for use. He was always thoughtful, and was the first in many instances to drop a suggestion which led to important steps in public matters; and so, from the first throughout his life here—almost from the first existence of the town—was prominent in all public matters, and was usually sought as a valuable counselor. His public duties never led him to neglect his profession, but he constantly devoted his attention to it, and acquired a fame which extended throughout this locality, and secured for him in all the older families, at least, the relation of regularly attending or consulting physician.

Dr. Hartwell was possessed of marked traits of mind and character. He was a positive man, possessing positive convictions, because he had worked them out as deductions of his own careful investigation, and he believed in them as he did in his own truth and nature. Without the training which young men usually enjoy before entering upon the duties of any profession, by his natural good sense and judgment, by possessing a power of mental application and close and correct observation of men and things, he became early in life well read in general matters and in the science of his profession, and ranked as one of the best informed of the medical practitioners in this section of the county. He was naturally industrious, and devoted his attention constantly to some profitable investigation. Nor did he limit its range to the sphere of his professional studies, but extended it into the broad fields of history, biography, literature, and science, gathering a valuable fund of information, which his retentive memory held in reserve for use when called for; and therefore he was never destitute of resources for entertaining conversation at any and all times, and among all classes of men.

His mind was philosophical in its quality, and logical in its operation. It was inclined to trace back to the cause and then build upon that. He had a mind quick to detect falsehood and sham of all kinds, and he despised them intensely when found, and often rebuked their pretensions with caustic language. This evidence of his good judgment was carried into his profession, where he rejected the theories of quacks and exposed them to the scorn of men. In his agricultural pursuits he studied its science in all its departments and experimented thoroughly, so that the results he obtained would stand the tests of trial, and he could defend his conclusions as reliable. This method characterized all his investigations and made him a man possessed of sound and valuable information and of independent judgment; firmly adhering to the convictions he entertained on most subjects and not easily driven from them, and therefore, one whose opinions were highly respected by those who knew him.

The doctor had a great regard for truth. He was faithful to all trusts, and prompt in the discharge of all his duties. He was always on hand at the time and place appointed and prepared to act, and this was true of him in all official relations. He was a natural mechanic, skilful, ingenious, and ready to furnish valuable information in any work or improvement, which he examined or superintended.

In social life the doctor was companionable and free, and full of playful and interesting conversation, abounding in good humor and anecdote, or grave and dignified when required, for he could well adapt himself to the circle in which he was for the time. No man enjoyed society more than he, and few excelled him in his capacity to enliven and instruct. He was moreover a kind and sympathetic friend to those in affliction. He was happy in his power to interest an assembly on any public or festive occasion, where his talk was always to the point and rich in its wealth of fun and anecdote. He enjoyed such occasions much, and sought them, and was always willing to contribute his share to make them interesting. This power of pointed talk was by no means limited to this class of occasions, but in public meetings he always had something important to say, if he spoke at all, and often illustrated his argument by some story or remark containing the force of his point, which became a stumbling block to his opponent, difficult to remove. In this he was specially effective and formidable as an antagonist.

There are many occasions in the history of the town, where the ability of Dr. Hartwell, as a public speaker, was prominently manifested, and many will recollect with satisfaction his historical addresses at the dedication of the Edward House, the Dresser House, and his many addresses at railroad meetings and agricultural gatherings, and on other occasions of more recent date.

The doctor was prudent and economical in his ideas of managing public affairs, and conservative in entering upon schemes of improvements, especially where they involved largely private interests. Such he usually opposed on that ground. His taste and judgment was to favor those larger and more permanent improvements, which involved larger expenditures, but in the end increased the prosperity of the town, and so he favored the construction of roads from the town to other places in the best routes; the introduction of a western railroad to Hartford or to Brookfield, from Worcester through here, if not that, and the introdution of water, and works of that class; seeing in them the most promising results in the growth of the town.

But he has left us, and the history of his life has been written in the hearts of the people to be gathered up and treasured in more enduring record and in greater fulness and detail by him, who shall become the historian of the lives of our public men.

The *Jefferson Bee* (Iowa) has an extended account of a brilliant gathering at the residence of Mr. and Mrs F. J. Harington which was given by them for the joint benefit of three churches in that place, and to which there resulted a handsome sum.

Augustus Preston and wife were in town this week on a visit to Wm. C. Barnes and family. Mr. Preston is a wholesale dealer in foreign fruits in Providence, R. I., doing a very large business, as nearly all of the bananas arriving in New York are consigned to him. He also visited Westford where his father is living.

George Toomey of Springfield who recently purchased the house belonging to Joseph Brackett near Westville has remodelled the house, entirely changing both exterior and interior. It is to be heated by steam, and will be occupied by Mr. Toomey the coming winter. 1886

The foundations of the Bank building and vaults are completed. The first story of the building is to be of brown stone and Calvin Claflin has commenced the brick work for which he has the contract. The slating will be done by A. Deslawriers, Thompson & Co., of New Haven Ct. will furnish the substantial vaults. July 3 1886

The new safe, recently purchased by M. M. Marble, is attracting much attention. It shows the latest improvements for rendering burglar proof a receptacle for valuables and is warranted by the manufacturers, Thompson & company, of New Haven, Ct., to be sure proof against any attempt at robbery. The safe weighs 2800 pounds and contains a money chest weighing 500 pounds, having a separate combination lock, and is made of half inch steel bars welded together; the chest is also air tight. July 1886

Base Ball.

The Phœnixes of Worcester failed to come to town last Saturday.

About 200 people witnessed the defeat of the New Boston's last Saturday, the double plays by E. Kilton and Leaureaux and J. Mack and Malleen were the features of the game. After the game the home team treated the New Bostons to a supper and dance. The return game will be played soon. The following is the score:

CLIPPERS, OF SOUTHBRIDGE.

	AB.	R.	IB.	PO.	A.	E.
Leaureaux, fb c	6	2	2	4	3	2
E. Kilton, p sb	6	2	2	4	2	4
Delage, fb tb	5	3	3	1	1	1
Doyle, sb lf	5	2	0	2	0	5
Gereaux, lf tb	5	1	1	4	0	0
Duquette, ss c	5	0	1	5	2	4
Martin, cf	5	0	1	3	0	3
C. Kilton, rf	5	3	3	1	0	1
Champaigne, ss p	5	2	1	3	3	5
Totals	47	15	14	27	11	25

NEW BOSTON.

Cromin, lf	5	2	0	3	0	1
Malleen, fb	5	2	4	1	5	0
J. Mack, tb	5	2	3	3	2	1
Ryan, c p	5	2	2	3	3	4
Thomson, ss	5	1	0	4	1	3
Healy, p c	5	1	1	2	2	2
Dorr, cf	5	1	0	4	0	1
P. Mack, rf	5	0	0	4	0	1
Mahar, sb	5	1	2	3	1	0
Totals	46	12	11	27	14	13

Time—2 hours. Struck out by—Kilton 12, Champagne 4. Base on balls—Southbridge 6. First base on errors—Southbridge 4. Struck out by—Healy 1, Ryan 8. Base on balls—New Boston 3. First base on errors—New Boston 3. Umpire—Albee.

July 3

The foundation is finished for a new barn which Dr. Allen is to build in the rear of his residence on Hamilton St.

Personal.

July 1886

Mrs. Geo. Shepherd is at Paxton.

Norval Newell spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Maria Smith is visiting in Webster.

A. E. Buell is visiting relatives in Maine.

Miss May Oldham is at home for a vacation.

E. G. Guy and family are at Martha's Vineyard.

Albert H. Ammidown is in town for a few weeks.

E. Decell has returned from his trip to Canada.

Rev. B. V. Stevenson was in town this week.

Joseph Dupaul has returned from his visit to Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Strickland are visiting relatives in town. July 1886

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Varner are taking a trip to Prince Edward Island.

Miss Bertha Clark has been spending her summer vacation with relatives in Webster.

Dr. J. McGregory and Sylvester Dresser have taken a trip to Kennebunk, Me. 1886 (Aug

Miss Clara Jones of Colchester Ct. is visiting Mrs. F. M. Marble on Chapin street. 1886

Rev. G. Esterbrooks and family will spend the month of August at Kennebunk Me. 1886

D. K. Olney, a former resident, now of Putnam, is very low, and his death is daily expected.

Mrs. Geo. W. Wells, son Cheney and daughter, and Miss Nettie Cady are at Kennebunkport, Me. 1886

Every one who possibly can will be in attendance on Saturday to witness the boys "down" the bean eaters. Let them keep their nerve and they will make it warm for the professionals.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Delaney were agreeably surprised Saturday evening by a visit from over thirty intimate friends. Gireaux and Bonnette's orchestra was in attendance and discoursed music for dancing which was keenly enjoyed. The principal event of the evening was the execution of a genuine Irish reel between the host and Mrs. Jas. Franklin, and the younger portion were treated to steps seldom witnessed, except in the "old dart." At an early hour the company dispersed, well pleased with the evening's entertainment. Oct 15 1886

Services were held at St. Mary's church last Tuesday forenoon in memory of the late Rev. J. M. Kremmen. Requiem high mass was celebrated, with Rev. Father Griffin of Worcester as celebrant, Rev. P. J. Harkins of Holyoke as deacon. Rev. Father Beasen of Spencer as sub deacon, Rev. D. F. McGrath of Leicester as master of ceremonies. A large number of priests were present from other towns. The Sunday school teachers attended in a body and received communion. Beautiful flowers deorated the grave of the late pastor and a large number of people were present to observe this last rite called the close of "the months mind." Aug. 20 1886

—At the meeting held by Malcolm Ammidown Relief Corps, No. 71, last Monday evening the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. John M. Morse senior vice-president, Mrs. Thomas Sanders; junior vice-president, Mrs. Martha Allen; chaplain, Mrs. Ellen Johnson treasurer, Miss Mary Pellett; conductor Miss Grace Johnson; assistant conductor, Miss Martha Cutting; guard, Miss Addie Martin; assistant guard, Mrs Florence Mason; corresponding secretary, Miss Jennie Abbott; delegate to department convention Mrs. Louise Cheney; alternate, Miss Jennie Abbott.

—Owing to the unpleasant weather, the gospel service at the Baptist church last Sunday evening was held in the vestry Quite a good audience, however, gathered. The subject of the sermon was 'Why are we suffered to live?' The answers given were: "That we may live useful lives, pure and worthy lives, and through the grace of Jesus Christ be save to live lives of eternal happiness hereafter." The singing was very fine the selections being appropriate to the subject and rendered with spirit. There will be a similar service next Sunday evening. The subject of the sermon will be "Warning Thoughts." All are cordially invited.

—The eightieth birthday of Mrs. Hiram Webster was pleasantly commemorated at the residence of her son, F. M. Vinton, on Friday last, about forty relatives and friends being present to congratulate her, and leaving substantial tokens of regard to the amount of $13. She was also the recipient of $80 from her two sons, F. M. and H. N. Vinton. Other valuable present were sent from friends distant. In the early evening a collation was served, after which Rev. G. Easterbrook made brief remarks, referring pleasantly to the experience of life in which every dark cloud has its silver lining, and expressing the wish that the one whose birthday they had met to commemorate might be continued with them yet many years. It was altogether a very pleasant affair.

—J. C. F. Wheelock has been engaged to sing tenor in the Congregational church choir, beginning Jan. 1.

July 30 1886

The second of the series of open-air concerts by the Southbridge Brass band will be given this evening at 8 o'clock at the corner of Main and High streets

Southbridge Journal.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1885.

The Local Murder Case.

The clubbing affair which the JOURNAL reported in full Friday morning of last week, gave the daily papers material for a good sensation, and on Saturday they gave liberal space to it, the town being well advertised. The Boston *Globe* was the only morning paper to have anything Friday morning. The accounts have gone into all the particulars in the usual sensational style, describing the house, grounds, appearance of the old man and son, and many other details.

Friday forenoon there were many groups of persons on the street talking over the event and anxious to get sight of young Vinton as he was taken to the court room. A person passing among the various knots of individuals could learn all the particulars with many exaggerated statements thrown in, how much property there was in the family, the genealogy of the deceased, and of his wife, how much money she had before marriage, and a thousand and two other bits of local scandal and gossip. There was nothing, however, really new. The whole story was told in the last JOURNAL.

Judge Jillson held an inquest which was private, the principal witness being Mrs. Ann Easterbrooks, Mr. Vinton's housekeeper. Dr. Brown, medical examiner, also furnished his report. At the conclusion young Vinton was arraigned before the court for manslaughter. He waived examination and was held to appear before the grand jury for examination. Bonds were placed at $10,000, which were promptly furnished. The bondsmen were Abijah Vinton, A. J. Reynolds, Ira F. Jacobs and Elbridge S. Ellis. The two former are brother and brother-in-law of the accused.

Popular sympathy is entirely with young Vinton, as the bad disposition of the father is talked over, his cruel driving of wife from home, and the abuse of children. The naturally vicious disposition was aggravated by the intoxicated condition he was in at the time of the catastrophe.

The funeral took place from the late residence of the deceased Saturday afternoon. It was well attended by neighbors and relatives—very few being present out of mere idle curiosity as might be expected. Among those present were the wife of the deceased, now 80 years of age, with whom he had not lived for a long time, together with the sons and daughters. All seemed much affected, the occasioner of the sad event appearing to be the deepest mourner. The remains were inclosed in a neat broadcloth covered casket. The exercises were conducted by Rev. F. Magwire. He read the parable of the prodigal son, and then said that the present hour was one for prayer and for charity: We should not set ourselves up for judges remembering our own infirmities. The peculiar and sad features of the occasion were then noticed, the speaker saying that the cause of this terrible tragedy can be summed up in two little words—strong drink. Let his life be a lesson to us all; if we are guilty of any wrong doing, let us repent and do what is right; these children should grow up to be wise and virtuous men and women, the wives to have pleasant homes, the children to feel that they have a refuge in their parents' hearts. It is sometimes said when a man dies "O, get a Universalist minister to send him to heaven." Universalism is not license to sin. It does not believe in the "pleasures of sin." Does any one suppose that this person got any real pleasure or satisfaction from his career. If an individual could come into this world, live such a life, and that ended all, the thought would make one an atheist. The Universalist creed teaches that sin will be severely punished; that there is future punishment in order to bring men to perfection to make them holy. But the door of heaven is never closed and bolted. It is waiting for sinners to be willing to enter.

The interment took place in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1886.

Letters from Geo. M. Cheney, Denver, Col., announce him well pleased with his new outlook.

Fyfe Hall and Herbert Wells are concluding a course of study at the Bryant & Stratton Commercial college in Boston.

Mrs. Thomas N. Harding and son, Winthrop Harding, are slowly recovering from pneumonia, both being very ill at the time of Mr. Harding's death from the same disease three weeks since.

At the last meeting of the St. Mary's Total Abstinence society two young men joined the society.

Southbridge Manufactures.

Nov. 1883

COLUMBIAN MILLS.

Among the improvements going on in town the past season those at the Columbian mills deserve a prominent mention. Business has taken a new lease of life and the place has been very busy of late. The JOURNAL has already announced the removal of the looms and the filling of their places with facilities for making yarn, which is shipped from here on the beams. The interior of the works has been overhauled and put in first-class condition, and now the quality of the product is the best that was ever turned out from these mills. As a result the demand exceeds the supply. In order to push manufacturing to the greatest degree steam power is being introduced. A new Corliss centennial boiler has been placed in position, having a novel appearance, as it is set upright. The new Corliss engine has also arrived and is being put in position, and a boiler house is under way. As soon as the engine is in running order the works will be run entirely by steam, and the old water-wheel, flume, etc., taken out. The flume will be rebuilt in an

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It is proposed to continue the work of renovation to the tenement [illegible] and much done to improve the appearance of the village. We are glad to note these evidences of prosperity and enterprise, and trust the business will continue to be of such a character as to warrant a continuance of this excellent spirit.

Among the Churches.

Rev. Mr. Tingley will exchange with Rev. S. Hayward next Sunday.

Rev. F. Magwire preached a practical sermon on Memorial day, last Sabbath; the choir had an appropriate program.

The Notre Dame church is to have new stained glass windows. One will be contributed by the Cercle Canadien and another by the St. Jean Baptiste society.

The Southbridge JOURNAL today enters its twenty-third year. It is a good paper.—*Woonsocket Reporter, Feb 9th.* 1883

George Toomey of Springfield who

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

All men are cordially invited to the young men's meeting Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Topic: "God's promises encourage us to pray," 2 Sam. vii:18-29; Phil. iv:6,7. Sept. 25. 1885.

Regular business meeting Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Any applicants for membership are requested to send in their names.

The two state organizations, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, have been merged into one, the former being too small a territory to warrant the employment of a state secretary. This will explain why the annual convention is to be held at Providence. The date fixed is Oct. 8–11, the convention opening on Thursday afternoon and closing Sunday evening. Among the prominent workers to be present are Dr. Pentecost, S. M. Sayford and Sebbins. Delegates to the convention will probably be appointed as the meeting Monday evening.

There will be a meeting of the devotional committee Sunday at 3 p. m., at the Association parlor.

The following additional Committees for the year have been appointed:

Ladies' Auxiliary—Mrs. G. W. Wells, Mrs. H. C. Cady, Miss Alice Holmes, Mrs. F. C. Litchfield, Miss Mary Fyfe, Mrs C. V. Carpenter, Mrs. S. M. Knight, Mrs. C. W. Hill.

Finance—P. T. Litchfield, F. L. Chapin, A. M. Cheney, Franklin Jacobs, F. G. Blanchard.

Publication—E. G. Guy, Chas. Hyde, C. H. Hanson.

Rooms—C. V. Carpenter, John Airlie, A. J. Coombs.

Educational and Entertainment— H. R. Beecher, G. T. McVey, S. F. Tower, W. S. Kilton, F. W. Eaton, C. T. Barber (and one to be added.)

BAND.—We give below the names of the members of Pellett's Cornet Band as organized for the St. John excursion:

H. C. Pellett, 1st E flat cornet and leader.
Thomas Carey, 2d " "
Fred Ward, 1st B flat;
Mathew Reily, 2d "
C. H. Griffin, 1st E flat alto;
John Hays, 2d "
Joseph Burke, 1st B flat tenor;
Henry Snow, 2d "
Harrison Cheney, Baritone.
Alec. Senachal, B flat bass;
George Ward, E "
P. M. Clark, E "
Jas. Whalen, bass drum;
Newton Cady, tenor drum;
Thos. Burns, "
Alfred Burke, cymbals.

The Band will give an open air concert Monday evening, and will start for Montreal the next morning.

Personal.

In the will of the late Manning Leonard are bequests of five hundred dollars each to the American board of commissioners for foreign missions, the American home missionary society, the New West education commission, the Southbridge Congregational society, and the American missionary association. Sept. 4. 1885.

The ship Minnesota, having been purchased with others from the government, to be broken up, was burned with several others on the night of Aug. 21 at Port Washington, Long Island. The Minnesota was flag ship of the North Atlantic squadron during the rebellion, and Chas. L. Newhall of Southbridge was stationed on it three years. She was in the memorable battle with the Merrimac.

A large grocery house in Quincy has adopted a new system to save bookkeeping, and to do away with credits and pass books. It sells its patrons coupon books, similar to railroad mileage books, representing $5, $10, $25, and $50. When goods are delivered the driver will bring a ticket naming the goods, the price and the total amount, and the customer will surrender coupons to that amount.

There is to be a literary and musical entertainment at the Union church Thursday evening the 10th, under the auspices of the Home Circle. The following home talent, assisted by Miss Nettie Taylor, reader of Sturbridge, has been secured for the evening: Fred Rowley and Henry Roan, violin; Miss May Oldham, piano; Thos. Oldham, cornet; Miss Minnie Searles, soprano; Miss Mattie Searles, alto; H. N. Carpenter, tenor; Ernest Winter, bass. Mrs. H. N. Carpenter has charge of the musical part of the program.

HIGH WATER. 1886.

The flood and its disastrous effects have been the principal topic for conversation and the newspapers the past week. It has deserved all the prominence given it, for it was the severest ever known in New England and was occasioned by several inches of snow being carried off by a two days rain. In this town the localities which suffered the most inconvenience from the high water, were the streets along the course of the Curtis brook. Cellars were filled and families living in basements were obliged to vacate; some in such haste that their household goods and clothing were left behind for a two days soaking.

The flat near North and Mechanic streets, which is covered with small dwelling houses, was flooded for a time to the great inconvenience of a large number of people.

The Quinebaug river swollen to a torrent, rose hourly and the burden of broken ice which it carried along in its strong current increased.

At Sandersdale the lower road was impassable and water covered the lowest places.

At West Dudley the water seemed to gather all its forces and the current was something fearful to witness. At noon Saturday, close watch was begun at the dam as the river was within a few inches of the height reached during the freshet of ten years ago, and was rapidly increasing while the ice threatened to break up at any time. Between seven and eight o'clock the ice in the lower pond broke up and with a terrible crash rushed against the bulkhead where the strain was met by the firmly built works, supplemented by bars of railroad iron which had been fixed as braces during the afternoon. The force of the blow was so great as to bend the steel rails, and immense cakes of ice were piled one above another high in the air the length of the dam, with the exception of the roll way. When the rain and fog had cleared away the ice cakes were found to have been thrown over the railroad track for some distance. Close watch was continued at this point until Monday forenoon.

The town bridge near the mills gave way about 8 o'clock Saturday evening, when the ice came down with such force as to tear out a portion of the abutments, which were not considered very sound, and allowed the bridge to drop about four feet.

The railroad bridge withstood the strain of constant beating by cakes of ice and received no material damage.

At the Conant observatory in Dudley the rainfall measured 3.88 inches. At the counting room of the Hamilton Woolen Co., the registered rainfall was 3.50 inches.

The water entered the first floor of the American Optical Co's works to the depth of about two feet. The fires were put out under the boiler and work was suspended for a time by the glass department which occupy that floor.

At Westville the road was covered three feet deep. Two feet of water entered the lower floor of the Shuttle Shop.

Sixty cases of cassimeres and a number of bales of cotton stored in the Hamilton Woolen company's freight house were soaked.

Southbridge Manufactures.

Hamilton Woolen company's stock got down to 99 1-2 Wednesday.

The Southbridge Print works is doing some very fine work in cheviots.

Some new fire escapes have been placed on the Columbian Mills.

The Hamilton Woolen company now rings in in the morning at 7 o'clock, and take the fifteen minutes out at the noon hour.

LENS GRINDING.

It is well known that heretofore the American Optical company has only made the frames of eyeglasses and spectacles, importing the lenses. For some time, however, they have been contemplating and preparing for grinding the lenses themselves, and have finally got this department in running order, although not as yet on a scale large enough to supply their large establishment with all the glass required. A brief description of the process will prove an interesting contribution to local reading. The business is carried on in the building near the "spec shop," which the company purchased of the Central Mills company for this purpose. The glass used is the finest quality of plate glass, but for convenience and other reasons, it is imported in small squares rather than the large sheets seen in store windows. When the glass is unpacked it is taken by girls who break off the corners leaving it in oblong shaped pieces. Then boys place the pieces in rows, one deep, on large concave shaped iron disks, and fill the interstices with fine sawdust. These disks are then heated by steam and partly filled with hot melted pitch. A convex disk of similar size and curve is placed inside the concave disk in the hot pitch. When cool the disks are separated and the pieces of glass are all stuck by the pitch to the convex one, the spaces which were filled with sawdust being left vacant. This convex disk is placed on a standard so that it can be revolved. Upon this is placed a concave disk of smaller size; the smaller disk riding on one side of the larger like a boy with his cap on the side of his head, but being stationary. The large glass-covered disk is slowly revolved and coarse emery powder sprinkled between the disks to grind down the edges of the glass. When this process is completed the glass has the milky appearance known as ground glass. The process is repeated a great many times, each time a finer emery being used, till at last only a very fine rouge is needed to polish the lenses. When the disks are taken from the last grinders or polishers, the glass is ground on one side and perfectly clear and spotless. The whole process is then repeated so that the lenses may have the same convexity on both sides. The lenses are then focussed, packed and labeled and sent to the main shop. The work is in charge of C. E. Wilson, an expert, who has been brought to this town to superintend these delicate processes.

A NOTICE TO WOMEN.

A woman over twenty-one years of age who has a receipt tax-bill for a tax assessed upon property anywhere within the state for 1883 or 1884, either in her own name or that of her guardian, by presenting this tax-bill herself in person, to the board of registrars (in cities) or the selectmen (in towns), can have her name put on the voting list as a voter for school committee without paying a poll-tax.

A woman not paying any tax on property, must apply to the assessors of her town or city *on or before September 15th*, to be assessed a poll-tax of fifty cents. After paying this she can by presenting the receipted bill to the registrars (or selectmen) have her name put on the list. By preserving her receipt tax-bill (on property or poll) and presenting it the next year following the date of the bill, she can also have her name registered—the law allowing women to vote two years on one tax-bill.

N. B.—The last day on which application for assessment can be made is changed from October 1st to September 15th.

The Ladies' Social circle gathered at the Methodist church was a great success. The supper was excellent. The art exhibit was very fine indeed. The literary and musical exercises were first class. One of the pleasant features of the evening was the presentation to Mrs. W. J. Pomfret of a silk sofa pillow of the crazy pattern by the persons present. Dr. H. D. West made the presentation, which was responded to by Mrs. P., thankfully recognizing the kindness so unexpectedly bestowed. Mrs. H. D. West purchased the crazy quilt. The vestry of the church is in the hands of Ephraim Dakin and J. M. Ammidown, and is receiving a thorough renovation. Praise and prayer meeting next Sabbath evening.

Personal.

Mrs. E. F. Dakin is at Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Hiram Morse spent the Fourth in Boston.

Albert Chamberlain and family are visiting in town.

Mrs. Dr. McGregory is resting among the New Hampshire hills.

Fred Lunt is spending a few weeks with his uncle, Rev. F. Magwire.

Miss Myra Martin of Willimantic is spending her vacation in town.

J. M. Cochran will start July 16, with the G. A. R. excursion for California.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Fisk of Worcester have been in town visiting with Hiram Morse.

Cassius E. Plimpton, formerly of Southbridge, now of Hartford, was in town last Saturday.

Frank C. Jillson, a son of Judge Jillson, has graduated this year from the Harvard Medical school.

Mrs. Fred W. Boulton of Spencer has been spending a vacation among relatives and friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Wilbur of Foxboro, Mass., are spending a few days with Alpha M. Cheney.

John Smith, formerly of Sturbridge, has returned from several years absence in Nebraska, and will locate in town.

Among the visitors and former residents which the Fourth brought to town were noticed, Wm. E. McGilpin, J. Fred Fiske, Wm. Lonsdale, Jacob Edwards and Geo. McKinstry.

Messrs. Barnes, Edwards and Wells had quite an illumination in front of their residences, on the 5th.

The eight year old son of George Clemence celebrated his birthday last Friday with forty of his schoolmates as guests at his home on Clemence hill.

Stephen Richards who is a student of St. Denis, college of Montreal, arrived in town Friday of last week on a visit to his home, he has a three months vacation.

Nathaniel Vial of this place and Miss Carrie M. Pond of Auburn, Mass., were united in marriage on Tuesday evening last. Rev. Mr. Melish of the latter place officiated. The couple arrived home the same evening.

F. E. Smith, assistant paying teller of the Maverick National bank of Boston, and W. A. Gardner of the same place, arrived Saturday on a visit to Chas. Haggerty to spend the Fourth, they left Monday on the 3:40 train for Boston. They were members of same college Lawyer Haggerty uated from.

Historical.

The following report which will be found of much interest, we are able to give our readers through the courtesy of Mrs. Manning Leonard, who found it among some of her mother's old papers:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of forming a number of the inhabitants of the southeast part of Sturbridge, southwest part of Charlton and west part of Dudley into a town, have attended that service and beg leave to report as follows: (viz).

The first article of instruction to your committee was to report the most convenient spot for a meeting house.—In the public opinion three particular spots have been referred to, at a very moderate distance from each other. Your committee having paid particular attention to each of them, are unanimous in their opinion that the central, which is a rasing ground on Capt. Marcy's land north of Col. Freeman's barn, concentrates convenience, elegance and beauty.

The 2nd article of instruction to your committee was to report the principals on which a house is to be built. As it is natural to expect that in a class of citizens so numerous as is comprised in the proposed town, there will be different sentiments with regard to modes of religious worship; this part, therefore, of your committee's instructions form the most arduous and difficult part, but as a liberal and conciliatory plan appears to be the general wish, your committee propose the following:—That a subscription be opened to raise a sum sufficient to erect a frame and belfry for a meeting house, and complete the outside, and that the pews be sold at public vendue to complete the inside. That every denomination be equally privileged in said house, according to their interest therein; this clause however, not to be construed so as to operate against the major part governing, but to confirm the free use of said house to the minority when the majority are not improving the same. Your committee foresee with concern that the liberality of this plan will be objected to by many respectable characters as having a tendency to deprive the town of a stated, settled orthodox ministry, to which objection your committee beg leave to make the following observations:

1. The difference in sentiment betwixt the Congregationalists and Baptists is principally confined to the administration of the ordinance of baptism—a very immaterial difference indeed were both parties seriously to reflect that religion consists in purity of heart, and give no more weight and consideration to modes and form of worship than they really deserve, and if a minister should be settled disposed to administer that ordinance in the manner most agreeable to the subjects of it, we might look forward with pleasing anticipation to the near approach of that wished for period, when both parties might be happily united in one society.

2. That every denomination being equally privileged in said house according to their interest, will have a natural tendency to unite and cement them together in one society.

3. That there are comprised in the proposed town as large a number, and respectable both as to character and interest, as new towns are generally composed of, it would be ungenerous to say they were not as well disposed towards supporting the gospel.

The third article of instruction to your committee was to ascertain the bounds of the town. Your committee propose the following:

Beginning at the southeast corner on the state line, to include James Haskell, Benja. Stone, Thos. Cheney, Lt. Eleaser Putney, Eliakim Chamberlain, Jesse Merritt, Paul Rich, Asa Dupee, Alexander Brown, John Chub, Joseph and Wm. McKinstry, Jona. Perry, to the river, up the river, thence include John Plimpton, Capt. Elias Plimpton, Fletcher Foster, Capt. Sam'l Ellis, Jedidiah Ellis, Simeon Mason and Chester May, to the state line. But as an actual survey will be necessary before an act of incorporation can be applied for, your committee are of opinion to refer minute circumstances respecting boundaries to that period.

The 4th article of instruction to your committee was to report a plan of the meeting house, which will accompany this report.

The 5th and last article of instruction to your committee was to see what number of persons would come forward to build said house.

Although your committee as yet are not well enough informed to detail the particular disposition of every person, yet from what information your committee have already obtained, the disposition of the people appears to be very general in favor of the plan. Your committee propose to bring forward subscription papers at the present meeting, which will give that point its fairest decision.—And all moneys, either by subscription or sales of pews, to be considered as binding whenever an act of incorporation takes place, otherwise to be void and of no effect.

Your committee in closing this report are disposed to present to your view the geographical situation of the proposed town. The great Parent of nature seems to have been profuse in his favors to this place. The Quinabaug river, which falls so nearly central through with its excellent seats for mills and other water works, are circumstances highly favorable to the introduction of useful mechanics and rendering it a place of activity and business. The goodness of the soil, with the excellent forests abounding with all kinds of timber for building, are estimates of great consequence to the general plan.

Abstractly considered from the value it will add to the real estate if we take in view the benefits that would naturally result from a religious society where there are so large a number of youth, in forming their minds, for accomplishment, usefulness and virtue, where they are at present by reason of local situation, notoriously neglected, are, in the opinion of your committee, considerations of so much weight that ought to bear down all the obstacles that present themselves in the way of the accomplishment of an object so noble, so great and so good.

From every view of the subject, your committee recommend with steadiness, energy and vigor, to take the most effectual measures to carry into complete effect an object of so much consequence, as soon as time and other circumstances will admit.

All which is humbly submitted by your committee.

OLIVER PLIMPTON,
DANIEL MORSE,
JOSHUA HARDING, Jr,
ASA WALKER,
LUTHER AMMIDOWN,
ELEASER PUTNEY, Jr,
JAMES DYER,
} Committee.

Sturbridge, February 29th, 1796.

Dr. J. A. Genereaux, Physician and Surgeon, from Montreal, Canada, has opened a new office at No. 2 Elm street.

Personal.

Joseph Holden has returned from Magog, Canada.

E. F. Letcher has returned from Yale University to spend the holidays.

Miss Ada Gay has entered the office of the *Franklin Sentinel* as a compositor.

F. B. Howe a former resident, now of Charlestown, visited friends in town this week.

Mrs. H. L. Hunt and son of Willimantic, Conn., are visiting relatives in in town.

Frank Torrence business manager of the Redmund Barry Co. paid us a call yesterday.

Mrs. Alex. Paige accompanied by her sister Miss Mabel West has returned to her home in Lenora, Kansas

Dr. Geo. Bates, while leaving the depot last Saturday night, made a misstep, and falling, was severely injured.

J. F. C. Wheelock and family are visiting friends in Mendon. Mr. Wheelock will return to town Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

J. C. F. Wheelock, tenor of the Universalist choir, has been engaged by the Congregational society to sing at their church through the coming year.

Solomon Blanchard has acquired a more than local reputation as a prompter and the coming week has engagements for three balls, in Southbridge, Spencer and Charlton respectively.

A reunion of the family of the late Geo. Holmes of this town will be held at the residence in Palmer, of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holden, former residents of this place Christmas day. Luther Clemence, wife and family accompanied by Miss Alice Holmes will attend the reunion.

Thomas Kelly, whose death occurred last Friday, was one of the oldest Irish citizens in town, having lived here since 1848. Until within a few years he was employed in the fancy weave room at the big mill. He was a very well read man; of upright character, and had the respect and confidence of his acquaintances.

Mrs. Geo. K. Dresser has four Yucca plants which have produced fifteen spikes of blooms. Some of the spikes are six feet in height and show an immense number of flowers.

Edgar A. Brown, has for the past ten days been spending his vacation in Willimantic, with his brother Elmer A. Bacon of New Haven, and is at the present time in New York.

Obituary.

Died, in Southbridge, May 20, Mrs. Festus C. Litchfield, aged 60 years 10 months 13 days.

The subject of this notice first came to town in the fall of 1849, (then Louisa Amsden), in the capacity of teacher. Of her influence and ability in this vocation no better testimony can be given than the grateful and appreciative words, spoken during her illness and since her decease, by those who were more than thirty years since her pupils. In her recent death not only the immediate circle of friends feel a great loss, but a wider circle, in which are included church, society and town. Possessing naturally a character of unusual force and strength, with high moral traits and strong Christian principle, she won the respect and love of all with whom she came in contact. Added to this was unusual ability in planning and executing whatever of labor it was hers to perform. How much her wise and tender care has been in the homes of the sick and afflicted, only those who have experienced it can know. To such and to her near relatives comes a feeling of irreparable loss, as if a pillar of strength had been removed. These same elements of character, together with an unwavering faith in God, enabled her to meet and bear with unusual cheerfulness and fortitude the sufferings of her illness. She felt, as she said, all that skill and affection could do had been done. Hopeful and patient, careful for others more than for herself, grateful and surprised at the numerous attentions bestowed by the many who sought to show their sympathy and love, she has left with us a memory to be cherished, a character to emulate, an example to follow.

COR.

Harry L. Haynes, son of John P. Haynes of Hartford, who was injured by a toy pistol in Sturbridge, on the 4th, died quite suddenly at the residence of Festus C. Litchfield last night. It was supposed that he was recovering, but yesterday he was a little worse, showing symptoms of lock-jaw and about 6 Dr. Bulfinch performed an operation, but about two hours after he was taken with tetanus and died almost immediately. The funeral will be held Friday at 2 p. m. Owing to the critical condition of Mr. Litchfield the funeral will not be public. Only the relatives are expected to attend.

Since card collecting has gone by a young man has gathered up eight fine Spitz poodles to distribute among Pawtucketian admirers.

At the last meeting of the W. C. T. U., the following was adopted: 6-83.

Since we last met, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to take one of our members from us. We as members of this society, feel that in the death of our friend and co-laborer, Mrs. Festus Litchfield, we have lost one who was ever ready to help on the cause of temperance in this community. She was active in forming this Union, and was our first president. It is our wish to record on our minutes, our appreciation of her untiring zeal in the work in which we are engaged. Mrs. L. came among us as a stranger—as a teacher of our children; and from the first took a high stand in the community. She was of a bright and genial temperament, making many friends for herself. She was not governed by impulse in her friendships or charities, but by a wise, cool, judgment that led her firmly to adhere to what she felt to be right. She will be missed by many who had come to look up to her for advice and encouragement in seasons of doubt and trial. We shall ever cherish the memory of her loving deeds and cheerful words. We desire to express our heartfelt sympathy to her bereaved husband and family at this time. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

SOUTHBRIDGE.

Alden, Wm E	$600	Hall, John	200
Ammidown, H C (ex)	759	Irwin, M E	343
Ammidown, H C	3,462	Irwin, S P, Jr.	1,375
Barnes, Wm C	373	Keith, W J	82
Boulton, Geo	202	Kinsley, Joseph	3,286
Ballard, Gayton	3,672	Leonard, M	451
Bucher, Wm	1,486	Lane, S M	952
Baret, A M	3,540	Litchfield, F C	10,970
Carpenter, C V	2,611	Litchfield, Liberty	11,311
Cole, Robert H	3,539	Litchfield, L M	11,506
Cole, E M	576	Lamb, C F	34
Cummings, E B	440	McKee, Wm	152
Curtis, L W	819	McKinstry, Wm F	238
Carpenter, P H	353	Oakes, James J	714
Dresser, C A	15,187	Phelps, Liberty	231
Dresser, H B	849	Paige, C A	9,550
Dresser, Geo A	2,888	Paton, Wm R	926
Dresser, Sylvester	501	Shepard, A H	800
Edwards, John	4,983	Shaw, E F	200
Gleason, James	434	Stedman, John P	3,286
Gleason, E A	135	Udell, John	1,343
Hanson, Geo A	244	Whittaker, Thomas,	729
Hanson, Geo	1,007	Williams, Samuel	488
Hall, Andrew	5,010	West, H D	1,480

STURBRIDGE.

Allen, Chas N	$1,145	Fiske, Calvin P	111
Bennett, Nelson	1,700	Morse, A C	1,044
Bates, E L	1,219	Southwick, Farnum	2,286
Chace, B S	780	Southwick, Elisha	241

The savings bank has declared a dividend of 1 per cent on deposits of 3 months, 2 per cent on those of 6 months, and an extra dividend of 10 per cent on dividends paid the preceding three years.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Aqueduct company: Clerk and treasurer, Manning Leonard; directors, C. A. Paige, I. P. Hyde, M. Leonard, Geo. S. Stone, H. J. Conant. C. A. Paige was chosen president by the directors.

The Universalist turkey dinner, which has become an annual institution in town, will be served in the church vestry next Thursday. The dinner will be ready at 12 m. sharp, and from then on, till all who desire have had a sufficiency.

Town Meeting.

The first part of the adjourned town meeting last Saturday was well attended. The "spec shop" people attended en masse to secure the completion of the missing sidewalk link on Main street, between the terminus of the present walk in front of Wm. Edwards' house to Mechanic street walk and when that was accomplished they all left, so that the room was well nigh empty and the orators had everything to themselves. There was, however, no discussion of any great moment. The following walks were voted and sums raised therefor: From Wm. Edwards' residence to Mechanic street at the railroad bridge, $200; from the end of the Hamilton street walk built last year to Gleason's store (to replace the old plank walk) $550; 200 foot extension of the Everett street walk, $250; north side of Edwards street from Marcy to S. K. Edwards, and south side of Edwards street from Marcy to estate of Geo. H. Hartwell, $800; from Bugbee & Wheeler's store to the iron bridge, on Main street, $550. In addition to these amounts $400 was raised for the general sidewalk account. The selectmen made a partial report in reference to stone crusher and roller and the matter was recommitted to them. Considerable discussion arose over the state school fund, and one or two votes passed; but being found illegal they were reconsidered.

The places of Miss King and Mr. Winter in the Universalist quartet were temporarily filled last Sabbath by Mrs. John Morse and E. S. Swift.

Hubbard S. Vaughn, who for twenty-five years has been overseer of the spinning department in the Hamilton Woolen company's woolen mill, has resigned that position.

Among the Churches.

Next Sunday morning Rev. G. Beekman will speak on the subject of "Modern pentecosts," and in the evening on the subject "The Holy Spirit the conservator of the Christ."

The recent election of officers of the Congregational Sunday school resulted as follows: Superintendent, W. R. Cooke; assistant superintendent, H. R. Beecher; secretary, Susie M. Knight; librarian, Mrs. John Morse; assistant librarian, Mabel Chapin; organist, Annie Marble; treasurer, W. R. Cooke. The largest attendance during the year has been 179, the smallest 63; average 135; amount of contributions $121.

—Rev. J. M. Kremmen was the recipient of a beautiful hall-way carpet from the Sunday school teachers of St. Mary's church last Thursday evening.

SOUTHBRIDGE DEMOCRATS.

The democratic caucus Saturday night was attended by three times as many as the republican caucus the evening before. But the meeting was very quiet and without enthusiasm. S. K. Edwards presided and J. M. Olney was secretary. A committee composed of J. J. Bowlen, Wm. McGilpin, H. A. Morse, Jas. Morrissey, F. E. Parker, J. H. Valdivia and Patrick Flynn was appointed to nominate a list of town officers. While the committee was out, the advisability of electing a new town committee was discussed by Patrick Kelly, Wm. C. Callahan and others. It was finally voted that the present committee hold over till the caucus to elect delegates to the state gubernatorial convention. The committee reported the following nominations:

Selectmen—A. H. Wheeler, W. D. Morse, Patrick Duffy.

Overseers of the poor—E. M. Phillips, Clement Begin, Wm. C. Callahan.

Assessors—C. W. Weld, James Lyon, John Ryan.

Auditors—C. W. Johnson, Augustus Cook, Jos. Blanchard.

School Committee—J. J. Oakes.

Library Committee—Geo. M. Lovell, John Jaggar, Dr. J. A. Robillard.

Cemetery Committee—L. S. Ammidown, S. K. Edwards.

Highway Surveyor—Edw. Bacon.

Constables—Frank E. Parker, Jos. M. Olney, Paul N. LeClair, Pliny M. Clarke, Lambert E. Ferry, Michael Breen.

S. K. Edwards and Michael Breen moved that the report be re-committed with instructions to the committee to substitute other names for theirs. The motions were not adopted.

Samuel Crory moved that the name of Leonard Cutler be substituted for that of Wm. D. Morse. P. Kelly depreciated the introduction of a firebrand in the caucus; he thought that Mr. Morse was an efficient member of the board and that Crory's grievance could not be great.

Mr. C. moved that his motion be put, but on motion of Mr. Halloran the matter was indefinitely postponed.

J. M. Ammidown eulogized Mr. Oakes as a man of great impartiality who acts justly for the child of the poor man as well as the child of the rich man; and trusted he would receive the unanimous support of the democrats.

Personal.

In the death of Thomas Whitaker, which occurred last Sunday at his home in Needham, the agricultural world loses an able exponent of natural laws, a clear and logical reasoner and an earnest and progressive investigator. Strong mental powers, a thorough acquaintance with the science as well as the practice of agriculture, combined with rare faculties of observation and discrimination, gave unusual value to his deductions, whether given to the world through the medium of the press or at the gatherings of his brother farmers. Had his tolerance been equal to his clearness his arguments would have been more convincing. Yet his words were ever the promptings of honest conviction and sound reasoning. He was ever outspoken against fraud, deceit and hypocrisy. Born in England he emigrated early to this country. For many years he contributed to the columns of the New York *Tribune*, in latter years devoting himself almost exclusively to contributions for the *Cultivator*. His writings were marked with that sturdy common sense, so helpful to the practical farmer. His death in his sixty-seventh year was occasioned by heart disease, which had confined him to the house for several months. He leaves a widow and five stalwart sons to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and a kind and considerate father.—*American Cultivator.*

Conductor Joslyn who has been in the employ of the N. Y. & N. E. railroad for twenty-two years has never had an accident on his train.

The "white-haired Comanche brave" has returned after a week's sojourn about the "hub."

Mrs. Manning Leonard represented the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the county convention at Warren this week.

F. H. Smith, traveling auditor of the New York & New England railroad is in town.

Edgar M. Phillips is recovering from an attack of scarlet fever.

Among the Churches.

At the Methodist church last Sabbath Rev. J. M. Avann preached from the subject, Why Christians are detained in the world.

At the Universalist church Rev. Mr. Magwire preached from the text "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my father which is in heaven."

Rev. C. L. Goodell, pastor of the Methodist church, Providence, who is spending a few days with his father in Dudley, will occupy the Methodist pulpit in this place next Sunday morning.

Rev. A. C. Walker of Spencer occupied the pulpit of Union church last Sabbath on exchange with Rev. Mr. Hayward. Mr. H. has been called out of town by the sudden illness of a relative and will be absent nearly two weeks. There will be preaching as usual at his church.

Next Sabbath is the 111th anniversary of the birth of Hosea Ballou, and Rev. F. Magwire will preach upon his life and influence.

One of the wool sorters of the Hamilton Woolen company has just been presented with a fine milking stool by his fellow workmen. He has been investing in bovine flesh.

"The life of Joseph" was the subject of an interesting concert at the Congregational church last Sabbath evening.

PERHAPS.—As far as we have been able to ascertain the public feeling, the aid to the Southbridge & Palmer railroad will be voted by a large majority.

Silver Wedding.

One of the pleasantest events of the season was the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Oakes at the Royal Arcanum rooms last Tuesday evening. About two hundred friends and relatives were present including Mrs. John T. Pratt of Milford, Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Thompson and Mrs. E. C. Thompson of Hopkinton, and Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Watkins of South Manchester.

The bride wore the identical dress in which she was married twenty-five years ago. After congratulations and introductions the company was called to order by J. M. Cochran and prayer was offered by Rev. A. G. Upham. An address was delivered by P. T. Litchfield, indulging in pleasant reminiscences and congratulations for the past and well wishes for the future. Mr. Oakes briefly replied when a quartet composed of Misses Minnie Searles and J. A. Rice, and Messrs. Cook and Litchfield sang a selection followed by a duet by Misses Florence King and Emma Dresser. A reading by J. W. Bowker and a duett by Messrs. Litchfield and Cook followed, after which P. T. Litchfield in behalf of Phoenix Council of the Royal Arcanum, presented Mr. and Mrs. Oakes with a beautiful silver service. Mr. Oakes thanked his friends for this token of their kind regard. A reading by J. A. King followed after which Rev. A. G. Upham, in behalf of friends not Arcanums, presented the host and hostess with a handsome water pitcher and goblets. Mr. Oakes aptly responded; there was another number by the quartet and the company was invited to the banquet hall where a sumptuous collation was spread. After due justice had been done to this, several hours were passed in social converse and dancing. The whole affair was very successful and the company wished Mr. and Mrs. Oakes many happy returns of their wedding anniversary. In addition to the presents above named were a large number of beauty and value from various personal friends. The local orchestra furnished instrumental music.

Fred J. Oakes.

The circumstances attending the death of Fred J. Oakes alluded to last week, were so unusual and peculiarly sad that we give considerable space to them in this issue. He was employed in the office of the Union Pacific railroad at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and letters to his parents spoke enthusiastically of his improved and excellent health in that western country. His good habits, musical ability, and christian character had made him many friends in that place. The Council Bluffs *Nonpareil* says he had taken an active part in christian work in church, Sunday school, and the Young Men's Christian Association. He had been received as a candidate for baptism at the Baptist church and would have been admitted to the church on the 16th, had he not been taken ill. He was making plans to prepare himself for a general secretaryship in the Young Men's Christian Association.

About the eleventh of the month a small pimple began to show itself on his chin. It grew until it became painful and his lips and face began to swell. The best of medical aid was procured, but in spite of every effort to relieve him he continued to grow worse. As soon as it was known that he was in danger a telegram was sent to his father, who left here Friday morning, the 21st, telegraphing to Fred to keep good courage. Before the telegram reached Council Bluffs, the son was unconscious and in a few hours breathed his last. Though dying away from home everything necessary for his comfort was done by Lewis B. Sibley, formerly of this town, Mrs. Barnard (with whom he boarded), and others. The young men of the church and Y. M. C. A. took turns in sitting up and caring for him.

The sad news intercepted Mr. Oakes at Chicago and was also telegraphed to Southbridge. He reached Council Bluffs Monday afternoon and funeral services were held there, being largely attended by friends and delegations from the Y. M. C. A., and Royal Arcanum. In the evening Mr. Oakes started East with the remains. Representatives of the Y. M. C. A., Royal Arcanum and Baptist society, escorted them to the station. They arrived here Thursday as stated in the JOURNAL last week. Mr. O. was on the cars continuously for six days with the exception of eight hours at Council Bluffs. While there he received a telegram of sympathy from Rev. Chas. L. Nye now of Dunlap, Iowa, and formerly an employer of Mr. Oakes in this town. The funeral services here took place last Saturday afternoon at the Baptist church and were very largely attended, members of the Y. M. C. A. and Royal Arcanum appearing in large numbers. The floral emblems were profuse and very beautiful. Among the number was a crown, one of the emblems of the Royal Arcanum, and a pillow with the mottoe, "I have won," surrounded by a cross and crown. The exercises were conducted by Rev. Messrs. Hayward, Esterbrooks and Danielson.

Mr. Oakes speaks very warmly of the sympathy shown him by the people of Council Bluffs. The members of the organizations and others with whom the deceased had become acquainted vied with each other in rendering services, particularly L. B. Sibley who anticipated every want and left nothing undone to comfort and relieve the suffering of the deceased. The Christian associates of the deceased point with special commendation to the bright and worthy example he left for other's imitation, and mosts incerely mourn that a life of such abundant promise in the work of his acknowledged Master should be summarily cut off. Mar. 21. 1884.

Resolutions.

HALL, FIDELITY COUNCIL, No. 156, R. A.
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, Apr. 4, 1884.

To J. J. Oakes, Southbridge, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother:—At a meeting of this Council on the above date the following preambles and resolution were on motion presented and adopted:

Whereas, The Supreme Master has deemed proper, in the guidance of His creatures, to call unto Himself our brother and friend, Fred J. Oakes, a member of Phœnix Council, No. 353, at Southbridge, Mass., and

Whereas, In his being removed from among us, we have indeed lost a true brother in virtue mercy and charity and society at large an honorable and christian member. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in these hours of grief and sadness, we extend to his family our sincere and heartfelt sympathies, and that a copy of these preambles and resolutions be forwarded to his family and also to his said Council at Southbridge, Mass., and that the same be spread upon our records.

Yours in V. M. C.,
H. J. RIFENBERICK, Sec.

Whereas, By a decree of the Supreme Regent of the universe, our brother, Fred. J. Oakes has entered into and penetrated the sublime mystery concealed within the inner court, and has, we trust, been "crowned" with the divine approval, and

Whereas, by the loss of our brother, the members of Phœnix Council, No. 353 have lost an esteemed friend, a young member of spotless purity, and one deeply interested in propagating the principles of our order, both by his advice, and by living in accord therewith, therefore,

Resolved, That we extend to his parents and friends our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their great loss, offering to them, in their affliction, the consoling thought, that we believe that he "was sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust," and approached his end "like one that wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams." That we, the members of Phœnix Council, mourn his death, as our loss, knowing that we shall miss his pleasant ways, his cordial grasp and words of encouragement and sympathy, and realizing that from such as he we learn

"It is the secret sympathy
The silver link, the silken tie
Which heart to heart, and mind to mind
In body and in soul can bind."

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Council, and a copy of them sent to the parents of the deceased.

J. M. COCHRAN,
P. T. LITCHFIELD,
C. D. MONROE,
Committee.

REGISTRARS' NOTICE.

The registrars will be in session at the selectmen's room, Central street, Saturday, Oct. 10, from 7 p. m. until 9 p. m., and on Saturday, Oct. 24, and Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 7 p. m. until 10 p. m. for registering voters. Registration will cease at 10 p. m., Oct. 28.

S. K. EDWARDS,
J. M. CHENEY,
H. A. MORSE,
E. D. MORSE,
Registrars of the Town of Southbridge.
Southbridge, Mass., Sept. 30, 1885.

The community was shocked Saturday evening to learn the sudden death of Fred J. Oakes from blood poisoning at Council Bluffs, Iowa. His father was summoned to his bedside Friday, but was unable to reach there before he died. He returned with the remains yesterday, and the funeral services will take place Saturday under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., at one o'clock. Young Oakes was a person of irreproachable habits, popular with all who knew him. Mar. 22 / 84

George M. Oakes died of apoplexy at the factory of L. D. Colliers & Co., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 12; age 57 years. He was a native of this town, but for many years resided at Hopkinton. He was a skillful boot manufacturer, an active member of the Masonic fraternity, and a life long democrat. He leaves a widow and a son, Chas. A. Oakes, clerk at the Grand Union hotel, New York city. The funeral services were at the residence of J. J. Oakes on Sunday last, and his remains were placed in the family lot at Oak Ridge cemetery. / 883.

P. S. Converse, wife and three youngest children, of Dysart, Ia., have been visiting with relations in this town during the past week. Mr. C. is a brother of Mrs. J. J. Oakes, and a native of Westford, Ct. He emigrated to Iowa about fifteen years ago, and this is his first visit East since that time. He found the farm which he left—at that time valued at $4,000—tenantless; while he has in Iowa 560 acres of high rolling prairie land every foot of which can be cultivated. He turns his attention to dairying and stock-raising. He has a herd of thirty milch cows, and made 4,000 pounds of butter last season by the creamery process, which sold for thirty-three cents per pound last fall to come to New England. He has usually about 150 head of cattle; and sends a herd of young cattle to Minnesota to pasture this season at an expense of $1,00 per head for herding, and $1,00 for transportation. The cheapest land in his section is $30 per acre. He has one-hundred acres under the plow this year, requiring a force of ten horses and four men to work the same. Corn is the principal crop, wheat is not much sown having been a very uncertain crop. He sells no corn, finding it more profitable to feed it to cattle and hogs. Mr C. has a family of ten children, four boys and six girls, the oldest twenty-one years, the youngest four, all living at home healthy and happy.

THE NATION'S BIRTHDAY.

JULY FOURTH, 1881.

Its Observance Hereabouts.

IN SOUTHBRIDGE.

The only public observance of the day in Southbridge was by the St. Jean Baptiste society, who arranged a very elaborate program. Everything passed off very acceptably and successfully, and the society is entitled to much credit for its labors. Extra trains and overland conveyances brought large numbers of French Canadians from Spencer, Woonsocket, Grosvenordale and other places. From an early hour the streets of the town presented a very lively appearance, and there was the usual display of patriotic emblems. The stars and stripes were everywhere visible, in many cases mingled with the French tri-color. Had our people generally known the elaborate nature of the preparations and the route of the procession, the decorations of private residences would have been more frequent and elaborate. In many places mourning emblems were displayed in view of the unfavorable news from Washington.

The procession formed on Elm street and got started about 10 o'clock, in the following order:

Andrew Blanchard, chief marshal; Gardner Benson and A. J. Marceau, aids.
Woonsocket Band, 23 pieces—J. A. Emidy, leader.
Woonsocket societe St. Jean Baptiste, 140 men, Joseph Proult, marshal; Dr. Hill, president.
Grosvenordale Band, 20 pieces, Geo. Balaire, leader.
Grosvenordale societe St. Jean Baptiste, 75 men, L. P. Lamoureux, president.
Spencer band, 20 pieces, J. B. Erisman, leader.
Spencer societe St. Jean Baptiste, 80 men.
Joseph Gamash, Indian.
St. John, Ovid Robillard.
Band Nationale, 18 pieces, Peter Degrenier, leader.
Southbridge societe St. Jean Baptiste, 120 men, G. J. Lamoreaux, president; Gilbert Terrio, marshal.
Circle Canadian, 65 men, Clement Begin, president; Sol Labonte, marshal.
Cavalier St. Joseph, 60 men, Felix Cateau, president.
Carriages containing the selectmen, presidents of the visiting societies, overseers of the poor, editor of the JOURNAL, representative of the Northampton *St. Jean Baptiste* and Worcester *Travilleur*, orators, clergy, committee of arrangements and other invited guests.

Several arches decorated with evergreens and flags had been placed at various places the procession was to pass. The largest and most important spanned Main street in front of the Dresser house. Others were built across Pine street, Union street and Pleasant street.

The procession halted on Main street where a dirge was played on account of the sad news from Washington. The march was then resumed up Hamilton and Pine streets to the Notre Dame church, where there was high mass, Rev. Father Lemy, officiating.

Rev. Father Martial of Grosvenordale then preached a short sermon. He urged his hearers to be faithful adherants to their church, but he reminded them that they could be true American citizens without abandoning their nationality or their religion. He urged them to be true to the government that shelters and protects them.

At the conclusion of these remarks, which were in French, he turned to the town officers present, addressing them in English, with a word of welcome and a graceful allusion to the union of the Eagle and the Beaver; the joint celebration of St. John's day and the anniversary of American independence. He trusted his people would ever be faithful to American institutions and at the same time be true Canadiens.

The procession was then reorganized and marched through Union, Main, Pleasant, River, Mill, High, South and Sayles streets to the grove. The threatening clouds seemed to betoken an immediate deluge but the program was not materially interferred with.

After the procession reached the grounds there was some miscellaneous speaking.

Father Brochu was the first speaker, having a word of welcome and a wish for a pleasant time to all.

A. J. Bartholomew of the board of selectmen complimented the people on their fine procession, and extended a welcome to those from abroad who came here to help enjoy a holiday dear to all American citizens. He alluded to the fact that our institutions are to be enjoyed by persons of all colors and races. All the possibilities of your natures can be developed here as freely as if you were native born, and to this we welcome you and are glad to extend the hand of fellowship. In this town fifty percent of whose people are Canadians the undivided sentiment of the native born people has no sympathy with the slurs cast upon your people in the report of Carrol D. Wright. It does not represent the idea we have of you.

M. Desaulnies a deputy in the local parliament at Quebec spoke in French of the element of success. He urged his hearers to respect and obey the laws but to cling to their nationality and belief; he deprecated so much emigration from Canada, and said he should tell at home, with pleasure, of the happy union of two national holidays.

The Woonsocket band then gave a short concert playing very nicely.

Then followed a social time, after which dinner was served. Tables had been set for 300, and they were filled and refilled until all had been fed, the arrangements proving perfectly ample.

After dinner came more speaking, O. Desmarais of the St. Hyacinthe *L'Union* being the principal orator. He spoke of the Canadian history, the relations between the French people and the British government, and its connection with so much Canadian emigration to the United States. He considered this government, alluded to the hospitality of the people of the United States, expressed sympathy for the president in his wounded condition. We shall give a full abstract of this address next week.

He was followed by M. Pothier of Woonsocket and Leon Reins of Fiskdale, both of whom delivered good addresses, speaking of the general subject of emigration from Canada.

The general committee of arrangements was Dr. Robillard, J. Blanchard, Henry Blanchard, Alex. Senachal and J. A. Morceau. The reception committee was Dr. Robillard, G. J. Lamoreau and J. Blanchard.

In the evening the members of the Circle Canadien gave a dramatic entertainment in Edwards hall, playing "Les Pirates de la Savanne," with the following cast:

Andres, Metis	O. Desmarais
Jonathan, Americain	J. A. Marceau
Th. Pivoine, jeune Francais	Ed. de Villers
Ribeiro, chef des Pirates	Dr. J. A. Robillard
Paul Berard, Francais	Cam Metras
Vergas, Vaquero	Jules Trudel
Ramon, 2d Lieutenant	Xist. Lescault
Juanez, 1er Lieutenant de Ribeiro	J. B. Galipeau
Jules, jeune Francais, ami de Pivoine,	Felix Gatineau
Tolobos, Vaquero	Anatole Caron
Pablo	H. Brousseau
Maimelo	Jos. Demers
Piquito, Aubergiste Mexicain	Earnest Decelles
Gaston, enfant	Amede Lamoureux
Un Mendiant	Theo. Tremblay
Un Officier de Marine	M. J. Surprenant
Un Commissaire	Jos. Demers

The house was filled and the club acquitted itself with great credit.

Mrs. Silva, wife of Dr. S. S. Silva, died last week Thursday after a long illness. She was a native of Portugal, and came to this country three years ago, during which time she had made many friends here. Although she had no relatives in this country, she was kindly cared for and nursed by loving hands, among the number being the Medinas of Boston and Worcester.

THE TANNER'S BENEFIT.—A JOINT STOCK AFFAIR.—Last Tuesday night at 8½ o'clock the tanners assembled at their head quarters and preceeded by their drum corps marched to the selectmen's office where they received the town fathers and a line of march was formed as follows:

DRUM CORPS,

Company A, Tanner Battalion, under command of Capt. Daniel Walker and Lieut. Azel Thompson.

Hack drawn by Mr. Joseph Brackett's bull, containing

Escort the honorable board of selectmen, also C. V. Carpenter, Esq., and G. A. Dresser, Esq., (one of the selectmen had some scruples [fears] about being drawn by such a beast, but consented to go on being informed that he was perfectly safe.) Escort

Company B, Tanner Battalion, commanded by Lieuts. E. P. Stickney and S. S. Perry.

The Vox Populi.

A tortuous line of march through the streets ensued; fireworks and illuminations "made light of" the affair, while the booming cannon, and noisy gamins added to the eclat of the occasion. The C. A. Dresser House was the end of the route, which tanners and highway guests were invited to enter. The popular landlord had not been caught *nappiug*, but was in readiness with an oyster supper, got up, a la mode which being interpreted means the usual C. A. D. house style. There was no mutiny in the ranks when the order came to fall in for rations, and for a short time the dining-hall wore a lively aspect, "and there was hurrying to and fro" of waiters, and soon

Stomachs full
Which but an hour before,
Ached at the thought of their great emptiness.

When inner demands were satisfied E. M. Cole called the meeting to order He said the tanners had furnished all the political light there had been in town during the campaign The object of the meeting was to compliment them, not to rejoice over victories; 'twere best to leave that till another time. John O. McKinstry in behalf of of selectmen returned thanks for the bully ride they had received. Geo. H. Hartwell read an original story of a man who tried to ride a two story horse, and as a result found himself up the Salt River. Capt. D. Walker, P. T. Litchfield, W. A. H. Grant, and Geo. M. Whitaker were called upon and briefly responded. A call for one more member of the black republican team brought out C. V. Carpenter. J. M. Cochran in behalf of the tanners thanked the citizens for their hospitality, and thought the animal which had taken part in the Greeley funeral procession was very fit for agricultural purposes. Geo. H. Hartwell proposed the following conundrum: "Why should the animal which took part in the procession be recorded in the annals of the town? Answer, He bore the town fathers. Some one in the audience thought such jokes would soon become *hacked*.

The good news now began to come from the telegraph office, and the meeting resolved into a jollification committee. A procession of tanners was re-formed, and an hour or two of Tuesday morning was passed in marching and cheering for the winning cause. The selectmen, the citizens, the bully team, the telegraph operator, and the next president all came in for a share of the cheering, and at a late [early] hour the streets resumed their wonted quiet.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Ye little know the art profound,
Comprised in making watches,
It grows in beauty, strong and sound,
'Neath generous, skillful touches;
Then if your watch for some good cause
Refuses still to tick,
Go straight to N. E. Putney's bench.
He'll fix it *strong and quick*.
With J. A. KING, Edward's House block

The republican town committee for the ensuing year are A. W. Martin, L. D. Clemence, G. A. Cheney, Geo. C. Winter, Azel Thompson, A. B. Goodier, Thomas Sanders.

The condition of the roads in the outskirts of the town has been unusually bad this spring. In some places travel being for a time almost suspended over certain sections.

The Universalist choir have organized with J. C. F. Wheelock, tenor; Miss E. F. Dresser, soprano; Miss Florence King, contralto; C. S. Edmunds, bass. Miss Josie A. Rice, organist.

Rev. B. V. Stevenson is reported seriously ill with diphtheria.

The new firm of Carpenter & Company—C. V. Carpenter and C. D. Paige—open tomorrow morning the metropolitan store in Edwards block. This store has been thoroughly renovated, partitions removed, and the desk placed in the center of the room, so that its appearance is greatly improved. The millinery department will be discontinued and the carpets will be kept down stairs at the lower end of the store.

Last Friday was observed by the high school as Longfellow day and the following program was rendered:

Essay—"The early life of Longfellow, and his college course," Minnie E. Cady
Recitation—"My Lost Youth," Beryl B. Oakes
Essay—"Longfellow's life as a professor, and his travels," Nettie Potter
Reading—"Paul Fleming's Resolve," W. W. Brackett
Essay—"Longfellow's Prose Works," Alice B. Booth
Reading—"The Poet and the Children," Ida M. Plimpton
Recitation—"Resignation," Hattie C. Smith
Recitation—"A Rainy Day," Cora E. Lombard

The closing exercises of Mrs. Brewster's Kindergarden school took place Thursday afternoon, parents being welcomed, and the exercises passing off in a satisfactory manner. The superior advantages of these schools are becoming more and more appreciated, as they afford constant instruction without wearying body or mind. The training of the senses is exhibited to a marked degree, and no mere random mark appears. An announcement of the opening of the spring term will soon ap pear in these columns.

Social Gathering.

The members of the Home Circle with invited guests, had a social gathering at their rooms in Union block last Tuesday evening. C. H. Bigelow presided and announced the following literary and musical program:

Quartet—Misses Townsend and Searles P. T. Litchfield, J. Fred Fiske.
Recitation—"Listen to the water mill," H. A. Bigelow.
Duett—"Spring Returning," Misses Townsend and Searles.
Reading—"Sewing on a button," Mrs. Wm. McKinstry.
Solo—"Answers," Miss Mattie Searles.
Reading—"Catching the morning train" F. W. Johnson.
Duett—"When the stars are brightly shining," Miss Townsend and Mr. Fiske.
Recitation—"The main track or a leap for life," H. A. Bigelow.
Solo—"The Postillion," J. T. Fiske.

These exercises passed off very nicely and were followed by an abundant collation and a general social time The affair was well managed, well attended, and very enjoyable.

We are glad to record the promotion of Geo. A. Haggerty, he now having charge of 1,500 miles of railroad. He is a very competent young man.

Sermon to the Veterans.

About thirty of the veterans' association attended the services at the Methodist church last Sabbath, Rev. Mr. Beekman preached an appropriate sermon, substantially as follows: For more than one hundred years, July 4th has been to us as a people, a day of blessed commemoration. May 30th, as Memorial day for the patriots of 1861-5, should have as warm a place in our affections as July 4th for the patriots of 1776. Because of what they mean, both days will be held in sacred remembrance by all who prize the blessings of republican government. Many of us were participants in the events which this later Memorial day is designed to commemorate. We now see in almost original vividness, these events as we saw them when they startled the world and overwhelmed us as a people. As if it were yesterday, we see the little band at Sumpter, surrounded by a hostile force and called upon to haul down its flag and retire from Southern soil, see it standing by its colors amid bursting shells, crumbling walls, and enveloping flames. Again we see the people gather to discuss the grave events throwing out their darkening shadows, and to devise measures on the one hand to maintain the Union, and on the other to destroy it. Again we sit in homes where there are vacant chairs, and gather around our patriot dead and tearfully lay them away to their last long sleep. Thus, with "malice toward none, and charity for all," we once more "lift the curtain that hides the dark past and see our fallen martyrs die for liberty." And for what purpose? That we who were witnesses, may rekindle in our own breasts the principles for which we sacrificed and fought, and that our children may imbibe the spirit and principles without which a "government of the people, by the people and for the people," is impossible.

The great and obvious cause which issued in the struggle was slavery, which Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, and their compeers, deplored and wished to see abolished, but which the men of a later day defended as a divine institution. Defeated in its purpose to extend the area and power of this great wrong, the South by open assault upon the nation's flag, precipitated a conflict in which it confidently believed it would be victor. What could a liberty-loving people do but rise in their might and maintain liberty and nationality? It was not only to prevent the dismemberment of the republic as thus attempted, but to assert anew and with a broader meaning, the sacred principles of the declaration of independence that we went forth to battle; that your brothers and mine, your fathers and mine, left home and all that was dear to them, and went forth to die in camps and swamps, on the battle-field and in prison pens But by the sacrifice thus made the republic was saved, and to every human being under the flag there was secured the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Let us, therefore, duly honor those martyrs of the nation, and over their sacred dust resolve to hold dear the principles for which they fought and died—that the liberty and the justice we claim for ourselves we will accord to every human being, whatever his nationality, creed, or color. On the coming morrow let us place on their graves the violet and the daffodil to keep ceaseless vigil while freedom shall be maintained among the nations. May 27. 1873.

Death of Dr. J. A. Robillard.

Dr. J. A. Robillard died very suddenly of heart disease last Saturday afternoon, having been apparently in his usual health up to a few hours previous. Only a few days before his death he had an interview with the editor of the JOURNAL relative to the possibilities of increasing its circulation among the French people of this vicinity—a matter in which he was much interested, and in the furtherance of which he had done us a great many favors. The doctor was born at Lancraie, Province of Quebec, November 14, 1853, and when only four years old was sent to the common schools of the locality. A few years after, he entered the academy where he remained until fourteen years of age. His ardor for learning was so great that his family, although poor, sent him to the Joliette College, from which he was graduated a B. A., with honor. Having spent two vacations with Dr. Primeau of Laucraie, he was drawn to that profession and entered Victoria college, Montreal. The poverty of the family and the demands upon them by a large family, besides giving one a professional education, led them to go to the United States, and they came to this town, where they have since resided among the most respected of our Canadian population. On the 13th of May, 1873, Dr. Robillard received his certificate as pharmacist. Continuing his studies there, and with other physicians in whose office he studied while here on vacations, in 1877 he passed a successful examination and obtained his medical diploma. He immediately came to Southbridge to practice, where he has since remained, except a few months' residence at Worcester. Dr. Robillard was a skillful physician and soon built up a large practice. He took great interest in the French people, and in advancing their interests and welfare. In this work he was particularly ready to help, and his heart and his purse were always open. He was a member of the societe St. Jean Baptiste and one of the founders of the Cercle Canadien de Southbridge, of which he was a director at the time of his death. He also interested himself in American politics and at the time of his death was a member of the democratic town committee. He had friends everywhere and was well liked by all who came in contact with him. He has left a widow and four children, the oldest of which has hardly entered his fifth year. His death, coming so suddenly, is a great and sad loss to all with whom he was in any way connected.

The funeral Tuesday morning was a marked demonstration of respect and honor. The funeral procession left his late residence on Elm street headed by Societe St. Jean Baptiste in full ranks, with new regalias and draped banner. The American and French flags were also carried in the same manner. Then followed the democratic town committee and the members of the Cercle Canadien. The body was taken to the church, where a solemn mass for the dead was sung by Rev. Fr. Brochu, assisted by the choir and Cercle Canadian orchestra under the direction of Ernest Ducelles. The exercises consisted of the mass arranged by Boucher finely rendered. The solo of the "Kyrie Leison," the "Sanctus," and the "Agnus Dei" were given by Mr. Trudelle, who has a good tenor voice; Mr. Gravel sang the "Dies Irae." On the coffin were four magnificent floral tributes: a cross from the firm and employees of J. W. Robinson & Co., a cross from the democratic town committee, and an anchor sent by the Cercle Canadian, and a cross from some intimate friends.

After the service the procession went to the cemetery where the body was committed to the grave.

The stores were closed during the funeral and passage of the procession through the streets of the village. Among those present from out of town were F. Gagnon, of *Le Travailleur*, and F. A. Belisle, of the Worcester St. Jean Baptiste society.

H. H. Gould, sub-master of the Comins school, Boston, died at his residence in Hyde Park last Tuesday night after a long and painful sickness. Mr. Gould was born and educated in Southbridge and has been engaged in teaching for eighteen years. He was a man of spotless integrity and beloved by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and two children. May 29. 1879

Ex-senator Geo. S. Barton of Worcester was in town today. May 1. 79

30, Decoration Day. 1883.

Memorial day was appropriately observed in town last Wednesday. The weather in the earlier part of the day was perfect, tending to draw out a crowd and bring many people into town. The business places were generally closed and flags were displayed in great profusion. Paige & Company exhibited designs in their windows which spoke much for their taste and enterprise and which attracted much attention. One window was decorated to represent a landscape scene. In the foreground was a soldiers' monument bearing the names of Southbridge's contribution to the war. In front was a card stating that Paige & Company would donate $50 towards a real soldiers' monument in the town. The other window contained a portrait of Garfield on an easel in the foreground, on each side was a stack of guns with other military equipments. About this was tastefully grouped portraits of Washington and Lincoln, busts of Andrew and Sumner and pictures of several army camps.

In the forenoon the veterans and band went to Sturbridge, and the exercises here took place in the afternoon. A procession was formed in the following order and marched through the principal streets in town:

Chief marshal, A. F. Luther.
Aids, C. M. Cook, S. S. Perry, J. M. Olney.
Mechanics band, 21 men; Wm. C. Cady, drum major; Aug. Cook, leader.
Chief fire engineer, Calvin Claflin; assistant, J. W. Robinson.
Hook and ladder, No. 1, 15 men, Geo. V. Moulton, foreman.
Steamer No. 2, 18 men, A. L. Macomber, foreman,
Hook and ladder No. 2, 10 men, John Splane, foreman.
Southbridge veteran corps, 40 men, Otis P. Stone, commander.
American band of Fiskdale, 21 pieces; John Day, drum major; W. G. Pettis, leader.
Fiskdale division Ancient Order of Hibernians, 17 men, P. F. King, captain.
Sturbridge veterans, 18 men, F. H. Gleason, commander,
Societe de St. Jean Baptiste de Fiskdale, 16 men, John Wood, marshal.
Carriage with selectmen.
Carriage containing president, chaplain and orator of the day.
Carriage with singers.
Citizens in carriages.

On returning a large delegation of school children joined the procession and accompanied it to Oak Ridge cemetery. This demonstration added much to the effect of the procession and was a pleasing feature of the day's doings. At the Catholic cemetery there were no exercises, Rev. Fr. Kremmen being out of town. At Oak Ridge cemetery the exercises took place as follows:

At Oak Ridge cemetery there was a large attendance of people. The thickening clouds had been growing darker and darker, until it seemed as if the rain would fall very soon, but the people remained and listened attentively through the whole program. The members of the high school sang a memorial day ode, after which prayer was offered by Rev. S. Hayward. The band played a selection, and a quartet —Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, Mrs. E. T. Morse and C. W. Hill—sang "Voice of peace." After another selection by the band the president of the day, A. J. Bartholomew, introduced the orator, Judge Putnam of Uxbridge.

He opened his remarks by alluding to the time that has elapsed since the war. Eighteen years have completed their course since the arms of the Union drawing around Petersburg and Richmond, proclaimed that the rebellion was a hopeless enterprise. Yet we recall as if but yesterday the drama in process of enactment—the alarm, the preparation, the mustering of recruits, the going and coming of troops, the farewells and welcomes. As in retrospect we look over these events it seems but a day. Yet how many things impress us with this lapse of time. How many brave ones have dropped away; look through the columns of the Grand Army and how thin are its ranks becoming; what marks of age are creeping over those now left; what a host have come upon the stage of action that were at school or in the cradle during the time of the war. The person born when the shot was fired at Sumpter, has now passed his majority. One third of the present voters have come to this estate since the surrender of Lee.

The speaker then claimed that it was not best to spend the hour in rehearsing martial deeds. They should not be forgotten, they should remain safe in history's sacred urn. The hero's patriotic services are not treasured less because we are silent as to his valor, but that which his valor wrought is treasured more. We invoke the past to inform the future. We have no new policies, principles or sentiments. We are now as ever, for a nation not a flimsy confederacy. We contend for the flag without a star erased or a stripe polluted. The spirit of Union is the spirit of peace. In the eye of law and truth every stroke of the sword was an extending the olive branch. Then and now we were for peace —an enduring, exalting peace. The animosities of war have been buried. We desire to have it understood that we were not angry but in earnest, not ugly but resolved. The maintenance of principle should not be confounded with malevolence. Such a thing as enmity of the North towards the South does not exist. This is proved by the return of Lee's sword and the parole of his men, by the pardon of the traitor in chief, by reconstruction work, by giving seats of honor in congress to those who left it in dishonor, by the bequests that have flowed to the South, by the withdrawal of all troops and restraints from the South, by the love of the North robbing pestilence of its worst terrors. In vain will research look for such a magnanimous government, so little bitterness was never known before. As the gracious hand of nature has smoothed the earth works that marked the former contest so the angry lines of contentions have faded away. All hail to the signs of this better feeling. It is a harbinger of greater progress. But in order to secure peace and the prosperity of a free people united and strong there is still a demand for men, men high minded and patriotic. The vital lessons of citizenship must be understood. It should be realized that every individual is a true statesman who does to others as he would be done by. Fidelity to great principles is now demanded. We cannot cultivate patriotism better than by placing before us as examples men who have rendered signal service to their country. We can not too often place before us for contemplation the shining examples. Amidst the many a few names of leading persons involuntarily come to our lips. It is the master felicity of the war that we can turn to the blameless life of the great head of the government and of the army in those trying times. Through good report and evil report he bore himself with malice to none and charity to all. What if a man not exceptional for goodness had been at the helm, how barren in comparison would the victory have been. We can now accurately value him as a character of history; and as time goes on and he is studied carefully it is wonderful how he rises. And then his tragic death. The tie of martyrdom made all the world his kin. On such days as these we can well call up for emulation such pure, patriotic lives.

The exercises closed by the singing America by the high school and benediction by Rev. S. Hayward.

Southbridge Journal.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1885.

All members of the Massachusetts Press association will feel a personal loss in the death of Hon. Charles W. Slack which occurred last Friday. His genial manner, his ready wit, his apt and eloquent addresses at reunions of the association, and his interest in the profession of journalism as well as the welfare of the association, endeared him to all. He was a vice-president for a long time and was frequently urged to take the presidency. At the annual meeting in January he was elected president, while absent, but later positively declined the preferred honor on account of other engagements. His frequent appeals for a higher and purer journalistic spirit will be long remembered and remain an abiding influence though his physical presence be removed from us.

At a meeting of the library committee, held April 9, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father in his all wise Providence to remove from this earthly life, Mr. Holmes Ammidown, a native of this town, and formerly a fellow citizen, it is deemed fitting that the committee of the Free Public Library should give expression to their feelings and sentiment in relation to Mr. Ammidown, whose decease at the age of eighty-two years, occurred on the third inst. at his winter home in Florida, therefore

Resolved, that in the death of Mr. Ammidown we deplore the loss of one who was ardently devoted to the moral and intellectual prosperity and growth of the town, and who, by the erection of the building and conveying to the town, by a perpetual lease, the use of the rooms for the library, reading-room and museum, and by his numerous other benefactions, including more than a thousand volumes of books, many of them rare and of great value, and also over fifty sets of his "Historical Collections," for use and exchange, has won for him the highest regard of the people, and has in these gifts left a monument of his large-hearted liberality and of his attachment for the inhabitants of the town.

Resolved, that we cherish the memory of Mr. Ammidown as a man of untiring industry, indefatigable perseverance and well earned success, manifesting during his long life an ardent interest in the advancement of the town in all that is good and noble, and aiding with enthusiasm in the accomplishment of this object. And we desire to acknowledge the town's indebtedness to him in so large a measure for the establishment of an institution so important as supplementary to the general interests of education in the town and which, we trust, will be of lasting benefit to the successive generations of men that are to come after us.

Resolved, that the committee, in behalf of the town, tender to the family of Mr. Ammidown, in this time of bereavement, their warm sympathy and sincere condolence.

Resolved, that the secretary be instructed to enter these resolutions upon our records, and to forward a copy of the same to the family of Mr. Ammidown.

—Charles Haggerty one of our promising lawyers, has been appointed town solicitor. He is the youngest member of the bar here, and is very popular and held in high esteem by the citizens. He is a member of the school committee, having been elected a year ago by a large vote, and is at present secretary of the Democratic town committee.

Some War Reminiscences.

Among the soldier dead of this town whose graves are annually decorated by loving comrades, the name of Lieut. Malcolm Ammidown will always bear an honored place. He was captured by the rebels at the battle of Newmarket in May, 1864, and in October of the same year died at Charlestown, S. C., of yellow fever. His sword was found the same day that he died under some currant bushes and returned to his regiment then doing provost guard duty at Harrisonberg, by whom it was sent to his family in Southbridge.

A few months ago a letter came to town directed to the postmaster making inquires for Lieut. Ammidown and asking about his sword. The letter fell into the hands of Ass't Postmaster Corey, himself a veteran and a member of the same regiment, who at once replied stating that Ammidown was dead but that his family still resided in town and would be glad to hear anything about the sword. This elicited the following very interesting letter:

ARROWSMITH, ILL., Feb. 28, '82.

GEO. W. COREY:

Sir—Yours of the 24th inst. at hand and I will attempt a reply, though may be a little scattering as I write from memory only, having lost my diary when I was captured after Lieut. Ammidown.

I will in the first place say that I am indeed sorry to know that Lieut. Ammidown died before reaching home. I was his captor, and though with him only about thirty minutes I took him to be a gentleman and treated him as such. He was very slightly wounded when I found him (during a battle between Gens, Seigel and Breckenridge at New Market, in the Shenandoah valley, in the month of March, 1864, I think). I will here use his own words on handing me his sword: "Lieutenant, I have a request to make of you—This sword was a present by my friends, as you will see on the scabbard, and if you should survive the was and have an opportunity, I wish you would return me the sword; and as for the pistol, I will make you a present of that." I told him if I ever had an opportunity I certainly would do so; and we then parted, it seemed to me, friends—he going to the rear and myself to the front, (as the fight had not yet ended) I never saw him afterward. Well, I carried the sword a few days, and having my own to carry I left the sword and pistol in the care of a lady friend in Harrisonburg, in the valley aforesaid, and told her to keep it in tact till I called for it, and telling her of the lieutenant's request. To make matters as brief as possible I will say that, when Gen. Sheridan "raided" the "valley," the lady aforesaid, to prevent the soldiers from recapturing it, (for they were in one edge of the town before she knew it) hastily snatched the sword and ran into her garden and threw it behind some currant bushes, and when the soldiers had gone all through her house they "rummaged" the garden and found it, and carried it off with them. This is history, and I have no doubt as to the truthfulness of her statement. The sword and pistol were left together.

Now there is another matter, which, perhaps, you can inform me about. He had on his person when I captured him a very fine looking gold watch and chain. He said to me when I first took him: "Lieutenant, you will not take my watch from me?" "Certainly not," says I, "but you must conceal it the best you can, or some one may take it, as there's no telling what kind of persons you may have to contend with before reaching 'prison.'" I advised him to put it in his boot, and, perhaps, no one would find it. Now would you inform me whether he ever got it through to prison with him and whether his friends ever got it? I did wish afterwards that I had requested him to leave it with me, and I would try and get it to his friends. But that would not have worked well, for when I was taken prisoner afterwards by Gen. Custer's men, at Waynesboro, Va., my watch and fine haversack were taken, and if I had had his, of course, it would have went too,

Now a word as to why I did not write sooner. I have thought,—well, I might say 500 times,—that I would try and find out for my own satisfaction about it, and I just kept putting it off and putting it off for a more convenient time, and thus time roll on and on, and here, after almost 20 years, have past and gone. I got to thinking about it the other day and I resolved that when I got home that night that I would write and see if I could hear from him, and accordingly I wrote you. This is a true and as full a history as I can give you. Of course; if I could have kept the sword until the close of the war, I would have attended to the matter more promptly. The lady's name with whom I left it was Mrs. David Penny, baker of the aforesaid town. I do not know what changes time has made, or whether she is living now. I would advise you to advertise in some of the leading papers of the country, and especially in the *Soldiers Bulletin*, Chicago, Illinois, and perhaps you might find out its whereabouts. If an honest man got it, he would return it. Of course, it is uncertain whether it was properly preserved. I certainly would be very glad to know what his wise or children had gotten possession of it.

I instructed the "guard" who took him to the rear (who were men I knew) to see that no one molested his watch while under their care.

With these remarks, I will close by offering my sincerest regrets (if acceptable) at the lieutenant's misfortune, if such it may be called.

Hoping to hear from you again, I am' etc.,

Yours, T. J. TINSLEY,
Late Lieutenant and Adjutant, 30th Virginia Battalion Sharp Shooters.

This letter gives a complete history of the travels of the sword. As to the watch, Mrs. Ammidown once received a letter from a gentleman stating that he took care of the Lieut. during his last sickness, and was given the watch, but offering to return the chain if desired as a keepsake. His letter was answered but nothing further was heard of him or the chain.

The Boston papers announce the marriage of Clara A., eldest daughter of H. C. Gray proprietor of the *Malden Mirror*, formerly of the JOURNAL, to Arthur W. Merriam, a merchant of that city.

Feb. 20. 1885.

Bells.

The new Congregational bell has been received and hung. It is a fine sounding bell, a hundred pounds heavier than the old one and with a different tone. The old one weighed 890 pounds; its tone was C, and it was cast in 1821 by Revere, of Boston, descendent of the famous Paul Revere. The new bell was manufactured by the same house, now Blake & Co., and has the most modern arrangements for ringing and tolling. It weighs 1009 pounds and its tone is A. In this connection the following information about other bells in town will be of interest:

Congregationalist: weight, 1009; diameter, 37 inches; tone A; Blake & Co., Boston, 1885.

Universalist: weight, 1100; diameter, 39 1 2; tone, B; Meneeley & Co., Troy, 1853.

Methodist: weight, 1530; diameter, 42 inches; tone, G; Holbrooke & Son., Medway, 1870.

Baptist: weight, 1700; diameter 44 inches; tone, F sharp; H. T. Litchfield, East Boston; 1866.

American Optical company: weight, 1040; diameter, 38 inches; tone, B; Meneeley & Co., Troy; 1884.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The following is the Star course of entertainments, 1884-5:

Friday, Nov. 21st—Ruggles street church quartet: Herbert O. Johnson, 1st tenor; William T. Meek, 2d tenor; George H. Remole, 1st bass; George R. Clarke, 2d bass. E. F. Thompson, reader.

Tuesday, Dec. 16—Lecture: by John B. Gough.

Tuesday, Jan. 27—Listemann Concert Company; Bernhard Listeman, violinist; Edward Heindl, flute, viola and zither; Henry Heindl, prima viola and violin; Fritz Listeman, violin; Alexander Heindl, violincello and saxophone; Henry Green, double bass.

Friday, Feb. 13—Lecture: by Henry W. Tewksbury, subject: "The Wonders of the Oil Region, and the Battle of Gettysburg."

Friday, March 13—Illustrated Lecture: by George Parsons Gilman, subject: "Saunterings in Central Europe."

Friday, April 3d—Grand Closing Concert: Miss Lizzie Webb Carey, soprano; D. M. Babcock, basso; Miss Lillian Chandler, violinist; Alexander Freygang, harpist, Frank J. Smith, pianist.

A recent census made by the authorities of the Notre Dame church shows a falling off of 800 in the French population of this town in the last two or three years. Several of the most intelligent French people with whom we have conversed on the subject are very positive that there must be some mistake in the cencus just taken, as it is impossible that there has been a decrease of nearly twenty-five percent. 1883.

"The Boy President of Bowdoin."

The badgering and chaffing which the local Bowdoin men have had to undergo the past week, show that Southbridge prophets, like those of other climes, have no honor in their own country. Therefore the following from a seminary and college classmate which first appeared in the *Springfield Republican* under the above caption may be of interest:

From pastor of a little church of 150 members in Paterson, N. J., to president of Bowdoin college, is quite a promotion for a young man of twenty seven, but six years out of college; but the ability and acquisitions of Rev. William De Witt Hyde seem to merit this honor; and those who know Bowdoin and who know Mr. Hyde are of the opinion that the college has made no error in her choice. Mr. Hyde entered Harvard from Exeter academy in 1875, a country boy from Southbridge, Mass., with the hayseed still in his hair, but with a good reputation for scholarship and for what is rarer at Harvard, facility in public debate. By the end of his senior year, though one of the youngest members, he was considered intellectually as perhaps the most "solid" man in his class. His commencement oration, on "The modern worship of culture," was a brilliant and caustic arraignment of those tendencies at Harvard which militate against the higher life; and created almost a sensation. Indeed, at the dinner following, Rev. Dr. H. W. Bellows of New York devoted himself to replying to the attack of the young graduate. Mr. Hyde next passed two years at Union seminary; then, after a year's further study, was graduated at Andover in 1882. He pursued a post-graduate course in theology at Andover, and also in philosophy at Harvard. During his pastorate of two years at the Auburn-street Congregational church, Paterson, N. J., a debt of $5000 in his church has been extinguished largely by his efforts; and he has found time to publish two articles in the New Englander which have attracted notice. These are entitled: "The metaphysical basis of belief in God" (September, 1883); "An analysis of consciousness in its relation to eschatology" (November, 1884.) Theologically he is believed to be in the main in sympathy with advanced views of the so-called Andover type.

Mr. Hyde's appointment was doubtless largely due to the influence of Prof. Egbert Smyth, who is prominent in the management of both Andover theological seminary and Bowdoin college. Mrs. Hyde, nee Prudence Phillips, is also from this town, where she is very popular. July 1885.

Fred. Foote, formerly of this town, who has recently been living in Hartford, retired last Tuesday evening in apparent good health. In the night a gurgling sound was heard coming from his room and on entering he was found with his eyes set and breathing heavily. He died in about ten minutes. A post mortem examination developed the fact that he died of acute Bright's disease. He will be buried in Windsor today. Jan. 2. 1883.

Bowdoin college is drawn to Southbridge by still another tie, Wm. DeWitt Hyde having been elected president. There have been two factions among the overseers—one wanted some distinguished old man and one wanted a young man who might be comparatively unknown but who gave promise of good ability, who had a future to make and would develop himself and the college at the same time. This latter was the course tried at Harvard, when President Elliot was elected, and has been eminently satisfactory, and the one that has prevailed at Bowdoin. 6-85.

Building in Town.—II. 1885.

The JOURNAL has been very particular for many years to notice all the new buildings in town and to epitomize each year's work by itself. This will render a file of the paper invaluable to the future historian who may attempt to write of the town's growth. The continued pressure on our columns through the spring has prevented the completion of our summary of last year's operations. In the issue of May 15th, we noticed thirteen buildings erected in 1884 by Mr. Cutler. In addition the new Congregational church was begun and the outside work nearly completed, and the old church moved and transformed into a power shop. It is now waiting to be filled by some enterprising concern who may be attracted hither by the natural or business advantages of the town. James Plimpton also erected a new residence on Walnut street. Wm. Edwards constructed ten small cottages on the flat near Mechanics street. More than a brief passing mention should be made of the work of Mr. Edwards in furnishing homes for laboring people. He has constructed during the past few years a large number of these little homes which can be sold on easy terms at from seven to nine hundred dollars. An industrious man with a few hundred dollars ahead can thus easily become a real estate owner, and have a fair prospect of keeping up the payments on his indebtedness. This at once gives him a greater interest in town and other public affairs and transforms him into a much better citizen. Mr. Edwards has thus unconsciously been working in the line of advanced social science and done much more for the town than is indicated by the mere construction and sale of these diminutive residences.

William Willard is finishing a portrait of Wendell Phillips, for which Mr. Phillips gave sittings at the artist's home in Sturoridge in 1879. Feb 1884

The Safe Burglary.

There was much excitement manifested last Sunday as it was learned that M. M. Marble's safe had been opened some time during the previous night by professional burglars. It was a Morris & Ireland safe with a combination lock. A small hole had been drilled through the outer shell of iron just above the outside circle of the lock and cutting into it slightly; a very slight variation from the right location would have made this work useless. Through this hole the tumblers of the lock were manipulated by a wire so that the door was opened, the contents overhauled, the steel chest pulled out with meat hooks and carried off and the safe locked again.

The lock is uninjured and works correctly now. The burglars left behind some ugly looking horse pistols. The safe contained nearly three hundred dollars which was taken. The night was very stormy and extremely favorable for such work, which was the first burglary of this kind in that has even happened in this vicinity.

The chest of the safe has since been found at the rear of George Stone's blacksmith shop, rifled of its contents.

Through the efforts of P. H. Carpenter in circulating a subscription paper, about $200 have been raised as a testimony of the sympathy felt for Mr. Marble.

It has also been discovered that an effort was made the same night of the safe robbery to gain an entrance to the rear door of P. H. Carpenter's grocery store. A hole had been bored through near the lock, but on account of a pile of bags of grain, the attempt was unsuccessful.

East Douglas was visited by burglars Sunday night, and Tuesday night every important place of business in Orange was entered but with little success. Wednesday night Stafford was victimized in the same manner, and in every instance the method of drilling into the safes was the same as was operated upon the one in Southbridge.

According to Collector Harlow's books, Mr. Valdivia manufactured last year 307,000 cigars. There are 33 other factories in the county, which manufacture on the average 143,269. This shows that our local establishment is more than twice as large as the average in the county.

Malcolm Ammidown Post G. A. R. received four new members last Thursday evening.

Home Circle.

The members of the Globe council of the Home circle had an extremely pleasant meeting last Tuesday evening, a number of invited guests and two officers of the Supreme council being present. The council's leader, C. H. Bigelow, presided and announced the following program:

Piano solo. Miss May Oldham, *Selected*
Vocal duet, *Barcarole, F. Kucken*
Miss Jennie Dexter and J. Fred Fiske.
Solo. Miss Mattie Searles, *Selected*
Address by Julius M. Swain, Supreme Leader of the Supreme Council.
Cornet, violin and piano trio, *Selected*
Miss May Oldham, Thomas Oldham, Jas. Roan.
Reading. Miss Maude Oldham.
Duet, "Rhine Maidens," *Pinsute*
Misses Minnie and Mattie Searles.
Address by N. Hayward Fuller, Supreme Secretary.
Recitation by Henry Bigelow.
Reading. Miss Alice Booth.
Euphonium solo, "Honor and Arms," *Handel*
J. Fred Fiske.

Mr. Swain alluded to the objects of the order, its social work and its life insurance features. The history of mutual insurance companies was noted and some of the details of the working of the Home Circle. The arguments of the stock companies against assessment insurance were answered and the practical benefits illustrated.

Mr. Fuller alluded more particularly to the social features of the organization.

At the conclusion of these exercises there was an abundant collation, followed by a very pleasant social hour.

The Home Circle is a secret, benevolent order, organized in Boston Sept. 22, 1879, and incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth of Massachusetts January 13, 1880 Its purpose is to organize and unite in fraternal union all persons over eighteen years of age, who are of good moral character and socially acceptable; to aid and assist its members and educate them socially, morally and intellectually; to establish a benefit fund from which, on the satisfactory evidence of a member who has complied with all its lawful requirements, a sum not exceeding $5000 shall be paid to the family, orphans or dependents, as the member shall have directed. All acceptable ladies and gentlemen, over eighteen years of age, may become members of the Home Circle, and are admitted on their petition by ballot. All persons joining this order between the ages of eighteen and fifty-five may elect one of the five degrees of benefit, and shall be admitted to a participation in the benefit fund.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

Brief Mention.

The slaters are at work on the new bank block.

Among the Churches.

The postponed Easter concert was successfully given at the Baptist church last Sunday evening.

The meeting held in the Bacon school house last Sunday evening was well attended. Rev. William O. Hale of Worcester, preached. Rev. Daniel L. Pratt was present and took an active part in the meeting. Another meeting will be held in the same place May 30, by Mr. Hale.

Last Thursday evening the teachers of St. Mary's Sunday school association, celebrated the 42d birthday of Rev. J. M. Kremmen, and presented him with an elegant easy chair, the presentation speech being made by Miss Theresa Monroe, after which they partook of a bountiful repast.

J. F. B. Litchfield has been engaged for another year to sing at the Methodist Episcopal church. The choir now consists of Mrs. J. E. Clemence, Miss Addie M. Martin and Miss Idella Brewster, sopranos; Mrs. Franklin Jacobs and Mrs. W. B. Wooster, altos; J. F. B. Litchfield and J. E. Clemence tenors; Emerson E. Chace and Jas. A. King, bassos; Miss Mary Clemence, organist; Jas. A. King, director.

Personal.

William Beecher is in town.

A. H. Olds is in town for a few days.

George W. Wells returned from his Western trip last Saturday.

Samuel T. Cutting has been appointed one of the board of registrars.

Joel Cheney has been unable from illness to leave the house the past week.

C. D. Paige attended Lieut.-Gov. Ames's reception in Boston Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Chas. Haggerty, who has been very ill at the residence of her parents in Augusta, has returned home.

John Parker left town this week with his brother-in-law, Mr. McClure and wife for Los Angeles, Cal., intending to locate there.

Rev. F. H. Allen of Shrewsbury, brother of Dr. Allen of this place, is to preach at the Congregational church next Sabbath on exchange with the pastor.

E. C. Hawkes was in town this week, and is about to assume the management of the Clinton *Enterprise*, to be published by Wood Bros. of Hudson. Bro. Hawkes during his life in Marlboro has developed into a fine journalist.

High School.

The exercises attending the close of the high school year this season, were very interesting and gratifying to friends of education in the town. The examinations occured on Thursday of last week and occupied the entire day. It would be impossible to find more faithful workers than the principal, Mr. Smith and his assistant Miss Silverthorne, and the recitations of the several classes spoke well for the thoroughness and scope of the instruction given.

Friday evening the graduating exercises took place in Edwards opera house, which was packed to its utmost capacity; standing room only being attainable. The music was furnished by Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, Mrs. Leonard Cutler, Miss Florence King and F. W. Rowley. The exercises opened with prayer by Rev. J. Danielson, after which Miss Mary A. Ellis read a gracefully written Latin salutatory. Miss Minnie E. Searles' essay was an analysis of the life and writings of Bryant —the poet of nature. Miss Annie F. Morse discussed the trials and rewards of industry. Miss Ellis traced resemblances between characteristics of the flowers and of human traits. William P. Taylor considered various heroes the world has seen and showed that they were not perfect ideals—that there was only one such. Miss Myra F. Weld spoke of the duty of sacrificing personal ease and tastes when they stood in the way of duty. She also had the valedictory which was well conceived. The productions were of uniform excellence. Geo. M. Whitaker, chairman of the committee, then presented the diplomas with a few words of congratulation and suggestion, and the class ode composed by W. P. Taylor was sung.

The reception given by the graduating class at the conclusion of the exercises was well attended. After a social chat in the rooms under the opera house, the company returned to the opera house and found that the seats had been removed and an ample collation set out. After this had received its deserts and more social talk had followed, there was a little dancing and the company broke up feeling that the exercises bad been very successful and pleasant.

Of the graduating class Taylor will enter Yale college and Miss Weld Wellesley. One of last year's graduates, Miss Newell, is taking a high stand at Vassar.

High School.

The examination of the high school took place last Friday continuing all day. The classes showed a thorough knowledge of what they had been over and answered the questions promptly and without being confined to the language of the book, evidencing a practical understanding of their work. The term has been very prosperous, with thirty-four scholars on the register. The recitations which the JOURNAL reporter heard were those in physical geography, physiology, natural philosophy, Caesar and geometry. While all were good, the explanations of problems in solid geometry showed a clearness and degree of advancement that was extremely creditable. At the conclusion of the examination very complimentary remarks were made by the members of the committee and others. A point made by Rev. J. Danielson is deserving of more circulation than it received on that day. He regretted that so few parents and friends of the schools visited them and trusted that an increasing interest would be shown by its friends and manifested by their occasional presence in the school room.

While the examinations were in progress the drawings of the scholars were exhibited, showing marked proficiency in this branch. The town has the services of a strong educational team in Messrs Mellen and Parson.

The Societies.

A. O. H. meets in Alden's Block, corner of Main and Pleasant streets.

Cercle de Canadien—1st Monday, and 2d and 4th Tuesdays, in Edwards block.

Doric Royal Arch Chapter—2nd Monday after full moon; Masonic hall, Whitfords block.

Foresters—2d and 4th Thursdays; Foresters hall, Memorial block.

Home Circle—2d and 4th Tuesdays; Union block.

Land League—1st Sunday in Old church on Hamilton street.

Quinebaug Lodge F. & A. M.—Monday on or before full moon; Masonic hall.

Royal Arcanum—2d and 4th Thursday evening; Arcanum hall, Ammidown block.

St. Anne's society—2d Sunday.

St. Joseph—1st and 2d Monday; Forester's hall.

St. Jean Baptiste; S. K. Edwards hall company's block.

Sons of Temperance—Saturday evening 8 o'clock; Journal building.

Southbridge Lodge Odd Fellows—Tuesday evening; Odd Fellows hall, Edwards block.

Temple of Honor.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The widow of the late Dea. Cheney celebrated her 80th birthday last week. There was a large gathering of relatives and friends.

Christmas at Sandersdale.

The people of this village had a very pleasant gathering in the school room Christmas eve. The room was very tastefully decorated with evergreens and there was a large number in attendance, all both young and old were highly pleased with the exercises. In the distribution of gifts all were remembered without distinction of name or creed. Each of the clergymen were presented with a sum of money. The whole affair reflected great credit upon those who planned it and participated in it. Such gatherings cannot fail to result in great good.

The following was the program:

1. Carol—"Merry Christmas to all," Chorus.
2. Prayer, - Rev. Mr. Easterbrook.
3. Remarks, - Rev. Mr. Pomfret.
4. Singing—"Welcome to the Christmas Tree," - Sunday School Children.
5. Recitation—"Wise Men of the East," Jas. O. Sanders.
6. Carol—"Hallelujah Christ is born," Chorus'
7. Reading—Christmas Hearth," Miss Ella Hopwood.
8. Carol—"Behold the Natal Star," Mr. Wm. Warren and Chorus.
9. Reading—"Christmas Chimes," Miss Ellen Martland.
10. Carol—"Hark! The Angels Singing," Chorus.
11. Reading—"Willie's and Annie's Prayer," - Miss Annie Abbott.
12. Carol—"Christmas Bells," Mandy Walsh and Robert Sanders.
13. Carol—"Pilgrims of the Night," Chorus.
14. Recitation—"Our Christmas Tree," Sadie Frost.
15. Enter Santa Claus and Children sing, Dear Santa now we greet you.
16. Distribution of presents by Santa Claus.
17. Refreshments.
18. Doxology.

The departure of Joseph L. Esten to take the agency of the Hamilton Woolen Company's woolen department at Amesbury was the occasion of a pleasant visit to him by the overseers who had been under him, last Saturday evening. A gold watch and silver service was presented him by them, Mr. Lovely acting as spokesman. Mr. Esten responded and a social time with a collation followed. Our information of last week relative to Walter Esten was incorrect. He will go to Amesbury as superintendent of the woolen department under his father. Mr. Esten, sr., is succeeded by Wm. Searles who is promoted to this position; and Mr. Esten, jr., is succeeded by John White formerly of Holyoke. The Hamilton Woolen company's department here has thirteen sets of machinery and at Amesbury thirty seven sets. Mr. Searles' former position is not yet filled.

Mr. John Comins one of our well known and respected citizens died last Friday 3d instant. He was the sixth of a family of ten children of Stephen and Polly Mumford Comins of Hampton, Conn., of whom an older brother, and two younger sisters survive. He was born May 20, 1811, and came to this town in 1833. He engaged in harness making and repairing, which business he has continued until the commencement of his last sickness, a few months since. For most of this period his deceased older brother, Edmund was associated with him, and trunk making was carried on, for a part of the time. The estimation in which he has been held by our citizens has been manifested by repeated elections to the offices of selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor. He was chosen one of the trustees of the savings bank in 1856, and has been regularly reelected every year since. He was on the board of investment from 1856 to 1860, and from 1871 to 1878, and one of the auditors for the years 1865 and 1869. Mr. Comins leaves no children, but a widow by second marriage. She is the daughter and only survivor of the family of the late Major Oliver and Clarinda Freeman Hooker. The Hooker school in the southerly part of this town was named for Major Hooker, and it has been stated that he was the first one to suggest the name which was finally adopted for this town.—The funeral was attended by a large number of his friends, and neighbors, at his late residence on Hamilton street, last Tuesday.

Personal.

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W. S. Robinson is vacating at St. Albans, his native place.

Mrs. Leonard Cutler is visiting Rev. A. G. Upham in Montreal.

Mrs. Joseph Kinsey is in town, completing her convalescence.

Miss Louie Newell and Wm. Taylor are at home on their college vacations.

The close of the minstrel season has brought Matthew Reilly home.

Merrick Mansfield, a native of this town, died in Dorchester, Nov. 11, at the age of 71 years. Southbridge was his birthplace, but he early removed to Barton, Vt., and entered the wholesale grocery trade. In 1859 he was appointed to a desk in the Boston custom house, where he remained for three years. Subsequently he was connected with S. S. Sleeper & Co. and Hyde & Southworth of Boston. 1886.

Dea. Samuel M. Lane.

We regret to record this week the death of one who has for many years been prominently identified with the town of Southbridge and all its interests. Rather than use words of our own in tribute to his memory we have secured the following from gentlemen who have been more intimately or longer acquainted with him.

SOUTHBRIDGE HAS LOST ANOTHER LEADING CITIZEN.

Samuel M. Lane, born in Sturbridge, Dec. 19, 1806, second son of Rev. Otis Lane and Elizabeth Lane, died at his home here Nov. 5, 1886, at the advanced age of almost eighty years. He came to this place about 1826, and was first employed as a clerk in the old Columbian store on the corner of Main and Elm streets, then owned and kept by Ebeneazer D. Ammidown for a few years, when Stillman Plimpton and Mr. Lane purchased the stock of goods and engaged as co-partners in business as traders, until he was elected cashier of the Southbridge bank, June 7, 1836. At that date the manufacturing industries of the town had attained considerable importance. The Quinebaug Reservoir company had largely increased the water power of the river by improving the reservoir capacity of the ponds at its source, and upon its tributary streams—the dams at the several privileges along its course in this vicinity had been raised and improved—and factories for the manufacture of woolen and cotton fabrics were in actual operation at Westville, at the Globe works, at the Dresser privilege, at the Central and the Columbian privileges, and a factory was in contemplation at Sandersdale. It was a period, therefore, of enterprise in that special direction. There was then a number of sagacious, enterprising men residing here, ambitious and active in the work of promoting and developing these interests in this community, on the foundations already laid. Samuel A. Hitchcock of Boston, had been for several years resident manager of the Globe works, and placed them upon the solid basis of a profit paying business; and he had prepared the ways and means for greatly increasing their business facilities. Under stimulating influences like these, it was but natural that a bank should be deemed an essential institution for the easy and convenient process of conducting business in a thrifty section far away from Boston, or any center for trade and banking transactions, when the people, by a disagreeable experience, had come to realize that money was the only proper medium of exchange, of paying for labor or merchandise as well as for discharging debts. It had been a prevailing practice here and was then not entirely abandoned, for the mills to pay their operatives and for supplies, in orders on the store-keeper to be paid in goods and provisions, which orders the mills in town redeemed usually quarterly with clothes. Then the store-keeper had to transport his clothes to Boston and find his customers to exchange them for the merchandise he needed to supply his store. The farmer carried his products and delivered them to the trader on his account, on which he procured his supplies, and banked with orders to pay the shoe-maker and the blacksmith. This practice of barter—the very essence of the logic of the few trader's scheme of commercial business—the precise illustration on which he builds the argument of his theory—was hateful and discouraging to everybody. It was a circuitous, unnatural and expensive mode of doing business, increasing the price of both labor and produce, with no compensating advantages. Under these circumstances it was natural that such citizens as Samuel A. Hitchcock, Linus Child, Holmes Ammidown, Bela Tiffany, Moses Plimpton, Ebeneazer D. Ammidown, Wm. Beecher and others should realize the necessity for local bank facilities and set themselves about establishing one here as they did. They therefore procured a bank charter March 31, 1836, organized the old Southbridge bank June 1. 1836, and June 7, 1836 elected Mr. Hitchcock president and Mr. Lane cashier, then less than thirty years of age, without any banking experience whatever, and without knowledge of it, except what little information he was able to get by visiting the bank office at Leicester and studying there for a few days the forms of book-keeping and the familiar rules of the business. But young Lane was naturally industrious, pains-taking, conscientious and thorough in his habits and mental qualities—a man of great good sense and sound judgment, and logically methodical in his ways—a man capable of reflection, and thoughtful study, and was therefore not long a novice in the banking business, but on the contrary soon became its master.

He was cashier of the bank from that date until Oct. 1862. The capital of the bank was increased from $100,000 to $150,000 in April 1854. In Oct. 1862 his son, Henry D. Lane was elected cashier and Mr. Lane became president. In 1865, April 1, the bank was converted into the Southbridge National bank, under national law, and Mr. Lane continued to be its president until 1869, when Jacob Edwards was made president. Mr. Lane was director, appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Erastus Winslow, until Jan. 1868, when he resigned, to give his whole attention to the rapidly increasing and exacting duties of treasurer of the Southbridge Savings bank. But he was afterwards always an adviser for its officers. The bank records contain a feeling tribute of thanks for his work, adopted on the occasion of accepting his resignation as president.

April 28, 1848, Samuel L. Fiske, Ebeneazer D. Ammidown and Samuel M. Lane were granted a charter for the Southbridge Savings bank, organized the June after with Mr. Ammidown as president and Mr. Lane as treasurer, and he held that

office continuously until May 24, 1880, and the office of assistant treasurer from that date until his death. His official relation to the Savings bank covered a period of thirty-eight years. He has been one of the main instrumentalities, and influential in securing it—its chief managing officer in establishing, organizing, directing, promoting its business for thirty-two years as its treasurer. His integrity of character, and conservative methods and notions of banking business had done much to secure the public confidence, necessary to make possible its marvellous growth and prosperity. The deposits had increased from $4,200 on Jan. 1, 1849, up to $949,832.65 May 22, 1880; and he had watched over this bank until at his death its deposits amounted to $1,273,910.19. His first service for this bank was almost a labor of love and charity, and continued such for years, so small was the compensation he was willing to exact for services so valuable and faithful as he rendered.

It is not assumption to say that each of these bank institutions owe the largest share of their constant and increasing prosperity and success to Mr. Lane. They have always occupied the same rooms, and the official conduct of the business of each has been until recently under the care of the same persons. Yet neither has experienced any trouble or disaster on that account, nor have their interests been permitted to be complicated, or mixed improperly.

These rooms have therefore been for the long period of fifty years, and until within a few months past, during which we have watched with anxiety and regret the increasing weight of years that burdened the steps of Mr. Lane and fore-warned us of his near approach to the dark river, the chosen home of his business life, from which no temptations of profit or honor or pleasure could allure his mind or his heart for an instant. An honest and sincere fidelity to the strict and correct performance of every duty—small or great—in his trust of promoting the safety and welfare of these banks, was the controlling impulse and habit of his life and conduct, and he could not tolerate or consider any departure from that rule of managing their interests. His constant attendance at his office during all business hours when in health, enabled them always to avail themselves of his great experience and knowledge of their affairs, and the wise and conservative influence of his judicious counsel and advice to an extent that can only be measured by their most abundant prosperity and strength. Economy, safety, and a strict observance of the rule of limiting the business of these banks to their lawful and legitimate transactions, were the principles of his policy in conducting their business, and to that may be ascribed their success, their quite remarkable freedom from expensive and embarrasing litigation, and the absolute paucity of their losses, covering this whole period of half a century. His natural good sense and accurate understanding of the laws relating to banking and all commercial transactions, made the office of solicitor unnecessary, and the advice of counsel was a rare necessity except for the mere collection of debts or to enforce their rights by suit. He could draw a statute, a law, a contract, or any other legal instrument with greater skill than many lawyers could do, and his legal judgment was indeed remarkable. His habit of reflection and thought, and his desire to obtain thorough and accurate information upon such matters as came within his observation, or his duty to examine, his judgment and his memory were the mental characteristics that trained him with success, and equipped him with skill for usefulness in his official trusts, and beyond that, in the public matters and in the private relations and interests that frequently sought and received his council and aid.

The leading quality of his mind in a general and business sense, which would have made him successful in anything tasteful enough to him to have led him to engage in it at all, was his power to organize business and to conduct it with prudence and safety.

This unusual record of the life career of Mr. Lane in this place, in his work of establishing and building up these prosperous institutions—a career long in years, undertaken under great disadvantages, and yet remarkable in its success — rarely equalled or excelled in the history of bank officers anywhere in this country—cannot be too highly honored with just commendation and praise—so long indeed that Wm. Beecher alone survives of all the bank officers associated with him when he first assumed the duties of cashier in the old Southbridge bank.

But Mr. Lane will not be remembered as a bank officer only. He was also a conspicuous citizen who took a leading part in many public matters. In all important public affairs he was always found exerting his influence for what he deemed right and best. He was an earnest, devoted Christian man, living a consistent Christian life, a liberal supporter of the First Congregational church to which he belonged, and of which he was elected a deacon, March 12, 1851.
contributing generously to that church and society both of his influence and his means, as well as to other religious works and purposes all through his long life. He lived an active life among us of unblemished moral purity and excellence, no less conspicuous for its fidelity and success in this respect, than in the official trusts in which he was concerned.

There were some public matters in which he was especially useful and took a prominent part. He prepared the first By-Laws of the town in 1851, and revised them in 1863 and 1870. These were mainly his conception and work. He acted as chairman of committees to construct a tomb and to fix the fees for sextons and undertakers in 1844, to define the boundaries of the school districts in the town in 1846, to purchase and lay out the addition to the cemetery in 1861, to appraise the school district property upon the abolition of the school district system in 1868, to establish the free public library in 1870, to make and accept in behalf of the town, the perpetual lease from Holmes Ammidown of the library block in 1871, to carry into effect the vote of the town to take stock in the Southbridge and Palmer railroad company in 1872, to establish the center watch district in 1870, to prepare a catalogue of the library in 1871, and all the reports he was required to make in such cases were promptly submitted in writing and carefully prepared, and will serve as models of clear, full, and concise statements of the matters which he presented. Method and order of arrangement guided their details, stated without superfluous verbiage and comprehending everything that related to the subjects he discussed. His most laborious work was the preparation of the catalogue in 1876, which will stand as the evidence of his pains-taking care and accuracy in the minuteness of every detail in a work of value according to the perfection of its arrangement of the mass of items that composed its substance. That was mainly his manuscript.

He was elected town treasurer in 1843, and in subsequent years thirteen times after that year. He was school committee man in 1854, town clerk in 1866, auditor in 1868 and 1872, selectman in 1871, and chairman of the library committee nine years from 1870, when he was made an honorary member, in consideration of the services he had rendered for the library. These were the only public offices he held. He was an earnest, unselfish and consistent advocate of what was right and best in all moral or political matters, and prompt and efficient in performing all his trusts, great and small, without show of ambition or vanity. He was modest and retiring to a degree injurious to personal ambition. He was intelligent, a thoughtful reader, and firm and decided in his conclusions and opinions. He was reticent, scarcely jovial in social intercourse, prefering to listen rather than to talk himself. He was of calm and even temper and dispassionate, and it can be safely said that no one ever saw his temper excited, or a show of passion during his whole life here. He could stand reproach with unruffled temper, and himself administer rebuke in pleasant words and tones. He had mastered himself completely.

Mr. Lane was gifted with the power of clear and simple statement that made him a convincing speaker and pleasant to hear but he never undertook discussion except when he had something to say of importance. He was therefore usually able in public meetings to carry his points, because the people could confide in his judgment.

He was devoted to his home, a kind and indulgent husband and father, and sincere in his desire to exert a Christian influence there. He was charitable to the needy poor. He was frugal and unostentatious in his manner of living and unambitious for acquiring wealth.

Mr. Lane was a corporate member of the American Board of Foreign Missions, and a liberal contributor to its objects and always attended its corporate meetings.

Mr. Lane was twice married. In Sept. 1831, he married Lavinia West, by whom he had two sons, Samuel T. Lane born Dec. 25, 1838, and died July 6, 1863, and Henry D. born Nov. 12, 1840, who was cashier of the bank for a time and up to Jan. 1867, and died April 24, 1867.

Mrs. Lane died Feb. 2, 1881. Oct. 11, 1881, Mr. Lane married Mrs. Buelah M. Plimpton, widow of Rev. Salem Plimpton, who survives him.

We have devoted this space to this comment upon the life and character of Mr. Lane, not because he was distinguished for his greatness, but because he acted and lived among us a long, good and true life. The town has had but one just such citizen. His worth and character should be exemplified in that of others. The character of a town is but the average character of its people; and that is elevated and ennobled according to the power and strength of the influence of its best citizens. We, as a community, have absorbed his strong but quiet influence and are better citizens because he has lived here so long and so well.

The funeral of Dea. Lane was held at his late residence on Wednesday and was attended by a large number of people. The directors and trustees of both banks being present in a body. A quartette sung with deep feeling two selections to old tunes, that were the special favorites of the deceased, and his pastor made brief and appropriate remarks on the character of Mr. Lane as exhibited in the various positions of influence and trust held by him in town and church. On the previous Sabbath

the following resolutions were passed by a rising vote at the Communion service of the Congregational church:

Whereas, It has seemed good to the great head of the Church to take out of this world our beloved brother and senior office bearer, Dea. Samuel M. Lane, therefore

Resolved; That while we miss his form and familiar voice, we cannot but rejoice that our loss is his gain, even though mingling our sorrows and regrets with those of his immediate friends, that we shall see his face no more,

Resolved; That as members of the Congregational church, with which he was connected for nearly forty years, we bear grateful testimony to our brothers to his exceptional worth; to his rare consistency and strength of christian character; to his deep reverence for spiritual things; to his large hearted benovelence: to his loyal attachment to the church of his choice; to his fidelity in fulfulling every trust committed to his hands; and to his warm interest and activity in every good word and work relating to the extension of Christ's kingdom.

In behalf of the church,
JOS. DANIELSON,
Pastor.
WM. P. PLIMPTON,
E. S. SWIFT,
Deacons.

The National and Savings banks adopted resolutions in memory of Mr. Lane which are to be recorded in their books.

The Library committee of which Mr. Lane was many years a member also adopted similar resolutions.

The union service on Thanksgiving day at the Congregational church was fairly well attended notwithstanding the storm. The subject of the sermon by Rev. Joseph Danielson was "Daily Benefits" under which mention was made of the gifts of reason, memory, sight, the power of speech, health, sleep and home as causes for thanks giving. A beautiful trio was sung by C. D. Munroe and Misses Carrie Stone and Annie Cummings.

1886.

In Southbridge, Nov. 29, Libya M. Litchfield, age 67 years 3 months 25 days.

Obituary.

LIBYA M. LITCHFIELD.

During the past two years, the ranks of the men to whom our town is largely indebted for its growth and development, have been decimated by the hand of death.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL another of our honored townsmen has gone over to the great majority. A man who since his early manhood has been identified with various commercial and industrial enterprises in the town. Last Monday evening the sad and unwelcome intelligence was conveyed from one citizen to another that Libya M. Litchfield was dead. Although he had been in feeble health since last July, it was not generally known that his disease had assumed a dangerous form, so that the news of his death was a surprise to the general public.

Mr. Litchfield was born in the neighboring town of Charlton, Aug. 4, 1819, and was the son of Capt. Comins and Sally (Blanchard) Litchfield. His boyhood days were spent in assisting his father on his farm and attending the district school of that period. In this age of improved and advanced ideas and methods of teaching, we are sometimes found looking with contempt upon the old-fashioned school-master of the early years of this century. But we know that he assisted in moulding the characters of a class of young men that have built this nation. He sent ou' a race of young men that have developed the vast material resources of this country, and to this class belonged the subject of this notice.

After leaving school he learned the trade of a mill-wright, a vocation that has now become nearly obsolete. Fifty years ago it was one of the leading trades in the country, for at that period the motive power of the mills of every description was the ponderous Breast wheel. The mill-wright not only made these wheels, but also constructed dams, water ways and flumes. Mr. Litchfield, together with his brothers the late Liberty and Festus C., were acknowledged leaders in this branch of business and were the builders of very many of the water wheels in the factories in this section of New England. Twenty odd years ago the writer while visiting the town of Rockville, Ct., was asked by a friend if he would like to see the largest water-wheel in America. Accepting the invitation, we were soon in the wheel pit of the Rock mill, and there revolving with the wonderful ease and smoothness, we saw a wheel forty feet in diameter. It was a most awe-inspiring piece of machinery that we ever saw and a marvel of mechanical skill and ingenuity. Judge our surprise and pleasure upon being told that it was made by the Litchfields of Southbridge. The most minute and delicate parts of a piece of machinery were given to Mr. Litchfield to construct, as he had what mechanics call, a fine calculating eye. The introduction of the steam-engine as a motor and the invention of the Turbine water-wheel virtually destroyed the mill-wright business. In 1843, Mr. Litchfield with his brothers and a brother-in-law, started the shuttle business in town. The building in which they were first manufactured stood where the office of the Hamilton Woolen company's print works now stands. The prime maxim or principle of the firm was to make a shuttle superior to any in the market. Since that date, a shuttle with the firm name upon it is a guarantee of honesty and superiority. In the firm's business Mr. Litchfield had the oversight of the wood work, the buying of lumber, etc. Upon the incorporation of the firm as a stock company, he was chosen its first treasurer, a position he filled till 1872 when he resigned and was succeeded by the present incumbent, J. M. Cheney. In Mr. Litchfield's death there has now passed away all of the original members of this firm. A firm whose name is a synonym of business integrity, honor and fidelity, and what is true of the firm is likewise true of each individual that composed it. In fact a history of any one of the brothers is to a great extent a history of them all.

Mr. Litchfield was a man endowed with great energy and an indomitable will. He could accomplish a great amount of work and possessed a faculty of getting work out of those that were employed with him without friction or noise, or in other words he could economize labor, the possession of which, other things being equal, makes the exceptional supervision of workmen. He was also a progressive man, one who believed in using his powers and means to their utmost. Early in the sixties we find him a silent partner in the firm of T. Potter & Co. Later on, or to be exact, in 1872, he was engaged in the brick making business on a very extensive scale. It was Mr. Litchfield's misfortune, for it was nothing else, to embark in the above enterprise at a time just prior to a period of great commercial depression, and this venture proved a disastrous one. For the past few years he has not been engaged in any active business.

Jan. 1st, 1846, Mr. Litchfield married Miss Chloe Bates of Webster. Of their six children, two died at an early age; four sons are now living in the vigor of an early manhood, and are respected members of the community. Mrs. Litchfield survives her husband.

One of the happiest social events that ever occurred in town was the celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Litchfield Jan. 2d, 1871. One hundred and seventy-five of their friends gathered at their spacious residence to congratulate them.

Soon after the formation of the Universalist society in town, Mr. Litchfield became a member of it and so continued until his death. His moral life has always been above reproach, for his every day life and actions were in keeping with the Divine teachings. We never heard him use profane or vulgar language. His was a broad and exalted manhood, always ready and willing to lend a helping hand to those in need, patient and forbearing with the faults of others, he has left a character well worthy the emulation of the young men of the community.

The funeral obsequies were solemnized at his late residence on South street Thursday at half past one o'clock, Revs. Messrs. Magwire and Stevenson officiating. The services began with prayer by Mr. Magwire. A select choir then sang beautifully and with deep pathos the familiar hymn, "Jesus Lover of my Soul." Rev. Mr. Stevenson a former pastor of the deceased preached the sermon which was replete with appropriate suggestions and consolitory words to the bereaved family and friends. The choir sang at the close of the funeral sermon the hymns "Rest, Spirit Rest," and "Blessed are They that Mourn."

Article 6th was indefinitely postponed.

Article 7th created much discussion, being opposed by A. J. Bartholomew and favored by J. D. Blanchard, C. Begin, George Lamoureux and others. It was indefinitely postponed; the vote reconsidered, and a vote to appropriate $200 and assessments carried.

The vote for additional members of the school committee resulted as follows:

FOR THREE YEARS:

*Rev. S. Hayward	173
George M. Lovell	65

FOR TWO YEARS:

*E. M. Phillips	227

FOR ONE YEAR:

*A. J. Bartholomew	166
B. U. Bugbee	54

The meeting then dissolved.

On Monday evening the young people of the Methodist church met at the house of Frank C. Litchfield and organized a society to be known as the Young People's Union, the particular objects of which are better opportunity for social intercourse and raising funds for a large organ for the Church The following are the officers: President, Mrs. James H. Sanders; Vice Presidents, Mrs. J. M. Olney, and John Warren; Sec., Miss M. E. Clemence; Treas., Frank C. Litchfield; Directors, Mrs. F. C. Litchfield, Mrs. William Henry, Miss Carrie Smith, Miss Addie Martin, Miss Idella Brewster, and Miss Nellie Hall.

Edward W. Newell, a Southbridge boy, who is making a favorable mark in the world, now with one of the largest corporations at Pittsburgh, Pa., has just presented to the public library a copy of "Adams's Historical Chart." With it was accompanied the following letter:

Rev. Joseph A. Danielson, Southbridge, Mass.:

Dear Sir: It gives me great pleasure to ask you, a member of the book committee, to please present to the Southbridge public library this copy of "Adams's Historical Chart."

As it is used by our ablest scholars and in many of our colleges I should be pleased to have the public library of the town in which I am proud to say I was born, bred and educated, included among the many public libraries having it.

Very truly yours, E. W. NEWELL.

Pittsburgh, Penn., Dec. 20, 1884.

Pliny T. Litchfield and Charles Hyde are having steam heating fixtures put into their residences. 1882

The gravel walk opposite the new mill which has been greatly needed, has been completed this week.

Three churches, Baptist, Congregationalist and Universalist, will be closed during the month of August. 1882

Southbridge Journal.

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1884.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

ENTERPRISE AND GROWTH.

NEW BUILDINGS.

A Brief Summary for 1881-2.

What was done last year.

Projects Commenced and Planned for 1884.

A Gratifying Result.

GENERAL PROSPERITY.

Southbridge has been growing in a very satisfactory manner for many years. Although there have been times of business depression there has been an average of twenty new buildings constructed each year ever since the JOURNAL began its record. One very satisfactory feature of the building of residences has been the number of small cottage houses, furnishing cozy, sensible homes for many people, whether owned or hired by the occupants. If any criticism were to be offered it would be at the uniformity of style in the new houses in many parts of the town. We like to see a house, like a man, have a positive individuality.

The JOURNAL has taken great pains to publish for future reference a full list of all the new buildings in town for several years, and an inspection of this list in our files is a very pleasant task at times. Without going into a history of all the buildings in town it may be interesting to briefly glance back a few years.

In 1881.

The number was below the average, but the quality and expense was greatly in excess. The list included, A. M. Cheney, on Chestnut street; F. H. Marble, on South street; Geo. L. Winter and Mrs. Goodier, on Marcy street; Dr. Bulfinch, on Edwards street; M. J. Surprenant and Peter St. Martin, on Central street; Wm. Edwards four in Specville; J. J. Oakes, on Oakes Avenue; Geo. W. Wells, greenhouse on Dresser street; shops of Hyde Manufacturing company; and H. & W. Harrington—fifteen in all. Besides these the American Optical company's works were doubled, and there were many enlargements and repairs of residences and the construction of several barns.

In 1882

Sylvester Dresser built one house on Summer street, Hartwell Hobbs one on the same street, Albert Perry one on Plimpton street, Union church parsonage on Hamilton street, B. U. Bugbee one on West street, S. K. Edwards four on River street, Dr. Gauthier one (blacksmith shop) on West street, Wm. Edwards three and L. Morton four in Specville, J. M. Marble one on Oakes Avenue, and M. Reynolds box shop off Central street. This list numbers twenty, the average number, with the quality not the least below the average.

In addition to this Dr. Curtis made extensive repairs to his house, the Hamilton Woolen company enlarged its dye house, and B. Silk built a new barn. The H. W. Bacon house and barn were moved and rebuilt, and the Central Mills company built a new picker room.

The water works were put in and the telephone system considerably extended in 1882, and the American Optical company's large addition put in running order.

Considerable work was done on new streets and sidewalks.

In 1883

there was more than the usual amount of building and town improvements. A number of new streets were opened, more than the usual amount of new sidewalk was constructed, the Westville road received great benefit, and the manufacturing establishments kept pace with the general advance.

CHAPIN STREET

was the scene of perhaps the greatest change of any place in town. Our enterprising fellow-townsmen, C. D. Paige and F. L. Chapin purchased the H. W. Bacon property the year before and removed the old gambrel-roofed house and the barn. Then a road was laid out through the pasture, connecting Main street with Chapin street—the new road being an extension of the latter and bearing its name. On the west side of the new road Paige and Chapin built five cottage houses and S. K. Edwards two; a photograph saloon for Sol Labonte was also constructed. These cottages are very tasty in appearance and convenient in design. Leonard Cutler built those of Paige and Chapin, and also Mr. E's, and then bought one, which he now occupies. It would be hard to imagine a prettier or more comfortable home.

At the corner of Chapin and Main streets the S. K. Edwards hall company built a block adjoining their other property, as a memorial to the late Frank Edwards, a prominent member of the company. The block, though small, is of very pretty design. It is occupied on the first floor by Dr. Letourneau's pharmacy; on the second floor by Wm. Butler's popular tailoring establishment; the Forresters have a hall and rooms in the upper part.

That Midnight Town Meeting.

THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT STANDS. 1885. Apr. 29.

One of the most memorable town meetings on record was held last Wednesday evening from 7:20 till after midnight. The occasion of the meeting, as well as the fact of its being the first evening meeting ever held in town, combined to give it unusual interest. The town hall was crowded to suffocation when the new clerk, Edgar D. Morse, in a quiet, modest manner, called his first town meeting to order and read the warrant. An hour was consumed in voting for moderator, and there was the greatest jam about the platform we have ever seen here. The air in the room became extremely foul and oppressive, almost equal to the famous black hole of Calcutta. The tellers made quick work of the counting and announced that

J. O. McKinstry had 193 votes.

J. M. Cochran had 148 votes.

Mr. McKinstry was run by the anti-superintendent faction of the voters. Though the crowd was oppressive, the air stifling, and everything to make humanity feel ugly, it was a remarkably good-natured, orderly assemblage; yet it was evident that the proper transaction of town business would be impossible under such circumstances. Consequently the meeting adjourned to Edwards opera house, which was quickly filled.

J. O. McKinstry, on calling the meeting to order, expressed the hope that the question of school superintendent would have a fair and impartial trial, and that every man would conduct himself in a proper manner.

The following surveyors of lumber were elected by nomination: Danforth Douty, J. Edw. Clemence, Chas. Hyde.

Under article 3d $3500 was transferred from the account of unappropriated funds to common schools for the purpose of reducing the amount to be raised by taxation.

When article 4th was taken up, A. H. Wheeler moved the reconsideration of the vote of the annual meeting by which the town instructed the school committee to elect a superintendent.

A. J. Bartholomew was the first speaker against the motion. He said that if the crowded meeting was born of honest zeal for the schools of Southbridge it was a matter of great rejoicing, for in the history of the town there has been no more important meeting than this. Let us consider the question first from a financial standpoint. There is an error somewhere in the present management of the schools. This is no attack upon any past or present member of the committee: but they have got into ruts, and give more time to considering systems of education than to studying finances. In 1877 the town had 900 scholars in 24 schools, and raised $7200. In 1884 there were 700 scholars in 22 schools, and $1300 more—$8500—was raised. This is a demonstration of the money that a superintendent could save, although the money should not be saved on teachers' salaries, for God knows the teachers earn their salaries, which should be maintained at the present rates. The speaker then criticised graded schools, extolling the advantages of the ungraded district schools, and argued for a superintendent who would bring to our schools an amount of time, experience and practical ideas that is impossible in any committee, at a cost no more than we are paying now for committee superintendence.

Charles Haggerty moved to limit the time of each speaker, as the first gentleman had taken 28 minutes.

J. M. Cochran opposed this as tending to cut off fair and full discussion.

Mr. Haggerty disclaimed any intention to prevent any necessary debate, desiring merely to confine it to a reasonable limit. There being much objection to the motion, Mr. Haggerty withdrew it.

Rev. F. Magwire appealed to the sober and enlightened sense of the meeting to decide this question. A man should deprive himself, if necessary, in order to give his children the best education. No man who works hard for small wages wants his children to grow up in the same circumstances; they can be improved only by education. It is said we have had good schools, but in other business—the American Optical company's works for instance—improvement is continually going on. We had better have fewer street lights and walk in the dust than go without a school superintendent. Its value is above mere dollars and cents. The speaker closed with a letter favorable to superintendency by the pastor of St. Bernard's church at Fitchburg.

Charles Haggerty resented remarks of the last speaker, complimentary to the Irish. Irish parents do not need to be told that they are the equal of any one else. The speaker said he was the champion of no class as such and asked no voter to follow him because his father is Irish; neither did he appear as an enemy of the public schools, whose advantages no one appreciated more than himself. He alluded to the town's need in the direction of new high school buildings, increased school apparatus, etc., and thought that in view of all these needs, of the depressed condition of business, and the present excellent status of the schools—the extra expense which a superintendent would necessitate was unnecessary.

J. M. Cochran expressed his appreciation of the public schools and his regrets that better ones had not been afforded him. He argued the advantages of a single executive head with professional training, and expressed a hope that Southbridge, with its other excellencies, should not be behind in its schools.

A. H. Wheeler denied that any arguments had been advanced for a superintendent, and explained that the committee would still have the charge of the schools. In his opinion the gain of the schools would not be sufficient to warrant the increased expense. Before laying out money in this direction the town should do something to improve the high school building, which is now unworthy of the name, and an injury to the health of the children attending school there. That damnable pest hole, Nuisance brook, should also receive some of the town's financial attention.

Rev. J. Danielson alluded to the outlay for sidewalks during the past year, and asked which should receive the most attention—a place for the feet or the head?

Rev. S. Hayward said that the speakers on both sides had used fallacies. He was surprised that an intelligent man could stand before an audience like this and argue that the old ungraded district school was better than the graded school. He believed in progress, and should vote for every improvement that came before the town, but believed that the money invested in a school superintendent would pay great returns.

Rev. G. Easterbrook forcibly presented several arguments for a superintendent.

S. Dresser alluded to his work for a superintendent years ago, and expressed surprise that any man could raise his voice against it.

A. J. Bartholomew then moved the indefinite postponement of the article.

The vote resulted as follows:

For postponement	242
Against	227

and to increase the number of stores.

William Edwards will put up three small cottages in Specville this year.

Albert Belknap has repaired his property at the corner of South and Sayles streets that was recently damaged by fire.

Among other not improbable enterprises which this season many see carried out are —a new church edifice, which the Congregationalists are talking up, and a skating rink building.

Births in Southbridge in 1884.

Jan. 2, Marie Anne, daughter to David Patenaud.
3, ——, daughter to Albert Densmore.
2, Mary Helen, daughter to George G. Phelps.
4, Felix Edward, son to Clement Lusignant.
5, Hector, son to Narcis Leclare.
6, Margaret Alice, daughter to Michael Bray.
6, Joseph Gedeon, son to Joseph Matthieus.
6, Exilda, daughter to Hyacinthe Bertrand.
11, Marie Emma, daughter to Oliver Lamothe.
13, Marie L., daughter to Francois Fresniere.
16, ——, son to William F. Bartlett.
20, Adolph, son to Joseph Coneau.
20, Adolph, son to Adolph Lusignant.
22, Adelard, daughter to Louis Menard.
24, Olive H., daughter to Michael Gingnette.
27, Marie Amose, daughter to Joseph Dyonne.
28, Henry Arthur, son to Wm. Breen.
31, Bridgett, daughter to Martin Dodd.
Feb. 4, Marie Ida, daughter to Leonre Gironard.
5, Theoteste, daughter to Narcisse St. Martin.
5, ——, daughter to Wm. E Alden.
7, Marie Florence, daughter to Victor W. Lamoureux
8, Marie Anne, daughter to Zotique Leclere.
8, Joseph, son to J. Philieus Godette.
9, Jeremiah, son to Michael Merrill.
11, Rosalie, daughter to Jos. Laroche.
14, ——, daughter to Nathan Ransome.
15, Martin, son to Patrick Corcoran.
15, Joseph Arthur, son to J. Galipeau.
17, Marie Flore, daughter to L. Young.
16, Marie, daughter to J. Cyriac.
18, Joseph, son to Albert Theriaque.
19, Helen Josephine, daughter to Pierre Dumas.
20, Marie Rose, daughter to J. Demers.
22, Marie, daughter to J. B Lacasse.
24, Joseph Adalard, son to Pierre Champagne.
26, Louis Alphride, son to Alphride Rassicault.
26, Louis Napoleon, son to L. Lariviere.
27, M. Rose Alba, daughter to Pierre Allaire.
28, Joseph H., son to Charles Garceau.
Mar. 1, Joseph, son to Matthew McGrath.
1, Alexander Arthure, son to Solomon Blanchard.
2, Marie Rose Anne, daughter to Pierre Gagnon.
5, Marie Malvina, daughter to Eugene Thisdel.
5, Gideon, son to Gideon Hemmony.
12, William Patrick, son to Jas. Kelly.
13, ——, daughter to Frank Randall.
15, Napoleon A., son to A. Lavallee.
16, ——, daughter to Joseph Parron.
16, Noel, son to Noel Mantville.
18, Georgiana, daughter to J. Cyriaque.
16, Marie Clarisse, daughter to Marcel Benoit.
18, Joseph Dyogene, son to Jos. Proulx.
20, Marie A. Clarisse, daughter to Ed. Ditto.
21, Masie Edouard, son to Ed. Yonne.
23, Malvina, daughter to J. Champagne.
23, Rosthume, daughter to Philibert Leureux.
24, Sophronie, daughter to Augustine Rabidoux.
23, Marie Olivine, daughter to Edouard Duteau.
23, Mathilde, daughter to Thel. Leduc.
23, Rose Anne, daughter to Jos. Perron.
24, Annie, daughter to Matthew Riley.
24, Maxime, son to Maxime Menard.
25, Thomas, son to Bernard Collins.
26, Anatel, son to Camille Caron.
27, ——, son to Warren Armes.
30, Marie Gessie, daughter to Godfois Lamoureux.
30, Winnifred V., son to John Silk.
30, Alphride, son to Alph. Phaneauf.
Apr. 3, James, son to James Donahue.
6, Emma, daughter to E. Portbrilland.
10, Caroline Miranda, daughter to Alberto Round.
10, Helenore, daughter to A. Prospere.
12, Marie Clarilda, daughter to Frederic Delange.
20, Joseph, son of William Cooper.
20, Etenore, daughter to Her. Proulx.
21, Marie Adeline, daughter to Joseph Bellerose.
22, Elizabeth, daughter to M. Breen.
23 John, son to Piere Hayes.
23, Marie Anne, daughter to J. Bte. Proulx.
26, Maud, daughter to Chas. P. Phipps.
27, Ida, daughter to Ephraim Simard.
May 1, Henry, son to James Munroe.
5, ——, daughter to Joseph Collette.
7, Rosella, daughter to John Hayes.
7, George, son to Charles Boucher.
9, Margaret, daughter to J Gaynor.
10, Mary Jeannette, daughter to John Farquhar.
10, Marie Rosalie, daughter to J. Bte. L'homme.
12, Marie Rose, daughter to J. Lacrosse.
15, Patrick Henry, son to Thomas Shaughnessy.
17, Celina, daughter to Julien Ferrien.
18, Pierre G., son to Pierre Larochelle.
23, Mary, daughter to William Bonvier.
24, Francois Alphonse, son to Joseph Gregoire.
25, Henry, son to Jaques Goumond.
24, Marie Suzanna, daughter to Benjamin Duchesne.
26, Ellen, daughter to Paul Whelan.
28, Stephen L., son to Lucian S. Davis.
30, Marie Rose, daughter to R. Conway.
June 1, ——, daughter to Lewis Morse.
1, J. Bte., son to Joseph Godue.
2, Marie Alexandre, daughter to Adolphe Collette.
8, Marie Ida, daughter to G. Lippe.
8, Denise, daughter to Felix Lamothe.
8, M. Rose, daughter to Fran. Proulx.
9, Joseph Elzear, son to N. Larochelle.
11, ——, twin daughters to Pat. Toben.
12, Gamuel, son to Theophile Houdde.
14, Grance Ann, daughter to David Kennedy.
20, Marie Louise, daughter to Hermindas Lebeuf.
22, Marie Laura, daughter to Joseph Cabana.
21, Camille, son to George Perron.
22, Marie Rose, daughter to Napoleon Langevin.
24, Marie Anne, daughter to Camille Metras.
26, Pierre Ovide, son to Louis Lavalee.
——, son to Robert Cameron.
29, ——, daughter to F. A. Shepard.
July 1, Marie Ida, daughter to J. Peloquin.
2, ——, son to William W. Bullock.
6, Joseph, son to Alexis Robert.
10, Johanna E., daughter to Michael Curboy.
12, Alice Margaret, daughter to John
12, ——, daughter to Elmer Davis.
15, Marie, daughter to Alexis Bibeau.
15, Francois, son to Michael Perron.
16, Nathaniel George, son to William Curboy.
17, Margery Green, daughter to Newton E. Putney.
17, Napoleon, son to Nap. Daignault.
18, ——, daughter to Alex. Batty.
20, Elizabeth, daughter to John Hogan.
20, Oliver, son to Joseph Dumar.
21, Lucadie, daughter to Joseph Grandcamp.
22, Marie Adaire, daughter to Alpride Lussier.
25, ——, daughter to Chas. M. Cook.
25, Martin Charles, son to M. Shields.
28, ——, daughter to J. W. Bowker.
29, Marie Bertha, daughter to J. A. Letourneau.
Aug. 1, Edouard, son to Noe Monette.
3, Joseph Napoleon, son to Clement Lavallee.
4 John, son to Michael Brennan.
6, Paul Narcis, son to Pierre Benoit.
10, Eliza, daughter to Nap. Girouard.
10, Malvina, daughter to Jos. Lequin.
10, Marie Anne, daughter to Narcisse Senecal.
10, Henry, son to Louis Bibeau.
11, Charles Henry, son to G. Thereault.
12, Marie Anne, daughter to J. Bte. Julien.
16 ——, daughter to Augustus Cook.
17, Rose Anna, daughter to Pierre Caplette.
17, Marie, daughter to Louis Masse.
20, Phelbert, son to J. Bte. Brodeur.
22 ——, daughter to T. Cunneback.
26, Christine R., daughter to Edgar M. Phillips.
26, Marie A., daughter to Thel. Lavoie.
30, J. Bte. Arthur, son to Fr Bonnin.
30, Josephine, daughter to Octave Desrosiers.
31, Charlotte B., daughter to Isaiah Hobson.
31, Lena Myra, daughter to Dexter H. Durfee.
31, Chester Alphride, son to Charles Boucher.
Sept. 2, Louis Elzear, son to Jos. Grenier.
6, ——, son to Joseph Deon.
7, Appoline, daughter to M. Leureux.
9, James, son to Richard Morrissey.
14, Louis, son to Joseph Dyonne.
14, Marie C., daughter to J. Bte. Gironard.
15, Cora Ellen, daughter to Harrison J. Conant.
20, Marie Louise, daughter to Ethienne Richard.
25, Emelie, daughter to Jos. Theriac.
26, Paul, son to Joseph Lavalee.
27, Joseph, son to Norbert Languerant.
Oct. 3, George Percival, son to James A. B. Stephenson.
5, J. Bte., son to Joseph Bernard.
8, Marie, daughter to Fran. Lacasse.
9, Emma, daughter to L. Champagne.
12, Ollie, daughter to Henri Lapointe.
13, William, son to Mois Marchesseau.
14, Marie Cora, daughter to F. Choyais.
15, Mathilde, daughter to Chas. Ferron.
15, Joseph, son to Orvilla Robideau.
19, Marie Lea, daughter to H. Lavoie.
19, Flore, daughter to Jos. Thereault.
20, Rose Anne, daughter to Louis Bachant.
24, ——, daughter to Geo. Reynolds.
22, Marie Rose, daughter to M. Julien.
26, Marie Albina, daughter to Theodule Pequo.
29 ——, son to Samuel O. Simmons.
Nov. 1, Frank, son to Alberto Arthur.
2 Edmund, son to Edmund Gingras.
3, Emilien, son to J. Bte. Bernard.
3, William, son to Charles Auger.
4, Joseph Alphonse, daughter to Samuel Martelle.
4, Marie, daughter to Samuel Martelle.

Fuller & Delano of Worcester were the the architects, Leonard Cutler did the carpentering, Calvin Claflin the masonry, and Pliny M. Clarke and Major Walbridge the painting. The work is a credit to all concerned.

ON THE MORRIS ROAD

considerable work has been done. F. O. Letcher built four new houses, one a small building, 18x20, he sold to T. Hood. One is a four tenement house, 24x40; another is 18x32, with two tenements; and the last 20x22, with an ell 12x16, for two tenements. All have neat sheds and outbuildings.

Andrew Smith built a residence on the same street, 20x30, which he sold to Mrs. McQuirk.

Dr. Gauthier finished a tenement house on the same street, and put up a shop, barn, etc.

Mark Lashapell enlarged his house by nearly doubling its dimensions, and Mr. Ducatte finished a large tenement house at the junction of Main street.

SIX MORE HOUSES TO RENT.

On Mill street, S. K. Edwards built two two-tenement houses, and one one-tenement on Cliff street. Lorenzo Morton built a two-tenement house on Morton Court, near the junction of Hamilton and Hook streets. J. J. Bolan put up one near the "big pond" on West street.

GOOD RESIDENCES

were also built by A. A. Butterworth on Oakes avenue, Simeon F. Marsh on Edwards street, and A. Smith on the Woodstock road. These were built by the parties for occupancy themselves.

OTHER DWELLINGS

were built by Geo. W. Wells in the rear of his residence on a new street laid out at a right angle to Chapin street; by C. D. Paige on the Everett street entrance to the cemetery; and by Dr. Gauthier on South street.

THIRTY NEW HOUSES

is the sum total of the number erected during the year 1883. The number is much above the average and the quality of the buildings was all very good.

But this does not include all the work of the year.

MANUFACTURING

improvements were many during the year. Theodore Harrington put in a new water-wheel and steam engine. The Central Mills company and the American Optical company took advantage of the drouth to make extensive repairs and improvements to raceways, gate houses, etc. New coal sheds were built at the Southbridge Print works, and there was a general renovation of the Columbian mills, including a new engine, boiler, water wheels, electric light plant, etc., etc.

The American Optical company purchased of the Central Mills company their mill adjoining the optical company's property. This was entirely remodeled and the business of lens grinding started in it by the optical company.

OTHER WORK.

The Fairbanks house back of Main street was rebuilt and enlarged. The Edwards House block received changes to fit it for a restaurant for J. J. Bowlen. Gothic Hall block was extensively repaired, and improvements were made on Rev. J. M. Kremmen's residence, Alpha Cheney's former residence, and elsewhere. Barns were constructed on North street, Mechanics street, and elsewhere. Several of the residences above named had barns in addition. Some eight or ten new barns were erected.

Julius S. Gleason built an addition to his residence at the corner of Main and Sayles streets, and Lucian Clemence an ell to his house on High street.

This does not include the work of

REPLACING THE LOSES BY CONFLAGRATIONS,

including a new freight depot and barns of Dr. L. W. Curtis, and the Hamilton Woolen company.

Dr. Curtis' new barn was planned by the doctor, after years of experience as a practical and scientific farmer, and embodies much that is very commendable. A visit to it would well repay any farmer. The sub-basement is concreted so as to retain all the liquid manure. The frame of the barn is so trussed that there are but few posts or pillars in the manure cellar, and a team can easily be driven about in it. The cattle can be watered in their stalls in the winter. There are ventilating shafts, and many labor-saving and convenient devices to make farming more agreeable. Two large silos are attached. The doctor is as firm a believer in ensilage as ever, after three years' trial of the system.

1884. This year

starts off in a very promising manner, with an unusual number of new structures under way for so early in the season. The carpenters and builders are anticipating a good year's business.

ON SUMMER STREET

Hartwell Hobbs is building for himself a one tenement house 30x21 with an ell 18x15, and Leonard Cutler is at work on one of the same size for Sylvester Dresser. Both are for renting purposes. They will be of cottage style and fine appearing. The foundations for both are well under way.

ON SOUTH STREET.

J. Edw. Clemence is at work on the foundation for a house just west of his father's, near the junction with Main street. It is to be 24x31 with an ell 23x26. It will be built in a thorough manner, with steam heating apparatus and other modern conveniences. Leonard Cutler is the contractor.

ON HAMILTON STREET.

Wm. E. Alden, jr., has broken ground for a new residence next to Union Church parsonage. It is to be 27x43, two stories high with a steep roof. It will be one of the most tasty residences in town. A corner bay window, upper balconies, and other features, making it decidedly different from anything else in the place. Architect Cutting of Worcester has the building in charge. It will be constructed by day work under the immediate supervision of W. E. Alden, sr., and have all the modern improvements.

At the junction of Hamilton and Hook streets Lorenzo Morton is at work on the foundation of a six-tenement house 28 x 48, two stories high with basement. Alex. Boyer is to build it.

ON CHAPIN STREET.

Mrs. M. L. Bradford is to build a two-story house; work already begun on the cellar. It will be of medium size, for renting purposes. It will be relieved by several projections and other architectural ornaments, so as to be a model country cottage.

At the lower end of this street Leonard Cutler has sold his shop property to J. F. Parker and bought of Paige & Chapin all that they own on the east side of the street. He will put his shop on one of these lots at once, and also begin two modern cottages on the south lots. These will be arranged to face the spaces between the buildings on the opposite side of the street. They will each contain eight rooms, besides a basement. They will be parallel with the street and arranged so as to be among the most desirable renting buildings in town.

OAK RIDGE AVENUE.

The town has erected a beautiful building of unique architecture at the entrance of the cemetery. It is to be used for chapel purposes, also as a hearse house, place of storage for tools, etc.

ON PLIMPTON STREET.

John Tully is finishing off the Butterworth shop, which was moved there last week, and will make two tenements of it.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AND CHANGES.

Herman T. Hyde and C. A. Paige are planning additions to their houses. Mrs. Edwards is enlarging and improving the basement of her Elm street property.

C. D. Munroe has purchased of Mrs. Marcy her house at the corner of Elm and Dresser streets, and is working repairs.

S. F. Marsh is to enlarge his barn; M. M. Marble will make improvements on his new house.

Mrs. Lizzie Edwards is causing the row of cottages on Hamilton street to present an agreeable variety by some more lively colors on her house.

A number of real estate operators have a goodly number of building schemes in mind which are not yet ready to be made public.

Wm. Comstock has made many changes in his block to furnish increased accommodations for Geo. W. Faulker's restaurant,

5, Emma Corinne, daughter to Emerie Brodeur.
7, Ethel Marsh, daughter to Harlan P. Tiffany.
9, Marie Rose, daughter to Paul King.
9, Adelard, daughter to E Riopelle.
10, Alfred Louis, son to H. F. Haskell.
15, Julienne, daughter to D. Richad.
23, ——, daughter to Onesian Jalbert.
23, Napoleon J., son to Jos. Lariviere.
24, Eubrine, son to Cazile Proulx.
24, Marie Rose, daughter to J. Gagnon.
25, Maxime, son to Maxime Dubamel.
25, Rose Anne, daughter to Narcisse Boucher.
25, Joseph A., son to G. Pinsonneault.
23, ——, daughter to Wm. C. Hall.
30, Thomas, son to Phileas Labassiere.
28, Henri Cornelius, son to Fran. Hill.
29, Zotique, son to Zotique Villandry.
Dec. 8, William Nicholas, son to Patrick McEnroe.
8, Marie Eleas, daughter to Napoleon Lavallee.
10, Joseph Alphonse, son to Maxime Champagne.
10, Marie Georgiana, daughter to Oliver Duchesneaud.
11, Pierre, son to Pierre Peloquin.
14, Joseph, son to Leon Demess.
16, Georgiana, daughter to Albert Bourdeau.
25, Joseph Arthur, son to Hor. Gravel.
24, Maggie, daughter to Jos. Letcher.
26, Joseph Arthur, son to Hormindas Momemmie.
26, Alexander, son to Alex. Desaulnier.
28, Cordelie, daughter to E. Ferland.
30, James, son to Stephen Keating.

The concerts given by the South-Brass band Thanksgiving day afternoon and evening were well attended considering the inclement weather, but did not prove to be a financial success to the band. The programs were rendered in a fine manner, and we would make especial mention of the cornet solos by A. J. Amelotte and clarinet solo by F. L. Geer.

The delegates to the Seventh Worcester representative democratic convention will meet at the C. A. Dresser house, Saturday, Oct. 23, at 2 p. m., to choose a candidate for representative, and transact any other business that may come before the convention. 1886

The Southbridge and Brookfield Railroad.

To the Editor of the Southbridge Journal:

We assume that there is not a public-spirited citizen in Southbridge, Sturbridge or Brookfield, that would not gladly welcome a day set apart for the formal opening of the Southbridge and Brookfield railroad. Why? Because it would affect every material interest; because it would expand every industry, and set in motion new thought and life. Every farmer would find his acres in close proximity to market, and every influence that can put the producer and consumer nearer together in an agricultural advantage. A Boston suburban farmer annually takes $4000 in value from a single acre. How? By knowing what is wanted, and producing a rotation of crops under the very shadow of Faneuil Hall market. A railroad through an agricultural belt of country, wakes it up to new life and makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before. The steam whistle gives swifter motion to the blood in the veins of man or beast. If nothing else, a rushing train is a healthful example for lazy, sleeping fotms to look at. In this age, one cannot be progressive, and stand in the community simply as a convenient growth for the energyless moss of neglect to feed upon. No man is competent to stand at the helm of an industry, and drift along with events. He should make events, it is the event-maker who enjoys the largest degree of elbow-room in this world; what is true of the individual is also true of a town. The sitting down era has passed, and the "get up and get" policy is the tactics of today. It is the keen edge of progressive action that gleans the choicest sheaves in the field of human industry the world over, and the old time stage-coach with its wealth of fabled coloring is but a mile stone along the turnpike of the past.

But need we argue so plain a proposition? All will undoubtedly admit that the proposed Southbridge and Brookfield railroad is a public necessity; a pressing need. A few years ago this same question was before the people, two routes were discussed and surveyed, the Palmer, and route in question. The Palmer route was found to be too expensive to be practical. The Brookfield route seemed to have controlling advantages, and became the evident choice of the towns in terest. The old survey can be utilized, and one would suggest that our selectmen confer with the selectmen of Sturbridge and Brookfield, with a view of presenting this subject to the citizens for action. In town meeting the views of all would have attentive hearers and the weighng of public opinion on this issue should not be delayed. During the past week the Boston press has given rumor to a proposed Palmer route. Whether this is a speculative scheme for the purpose of enticing certain towns to help carry a financial burden for private gain is not for us to say. We do know that the Brookfield route offers equal advantages with one fourth the outlay. That this is the opportune moment to meet this issue, there can b eno doubt.

With the closing year, it is well to plan for the coming year. We would not advocate personal interest, nor urge the town to embark upon a questionable scheme, but of the substantial forces that tend to the upbuilding of the town, to enlarge her material interests, to expanding her trade, and to beautify and adorn her homes, and add happiness thereto, we would speak, and in the name of a more progressive citizenship. Time never was more precious; weeks hurry on into months, which chase the years out of sight.

Let us wake up, and make the proposed Southbridge and Brookfield railroad one of the best paying, dividend earning stocks in New England.

The compound interest on a little push and energy is very great, and we are almost led to forgive any excess of business energy in Christopher Columbus when he gathered in 500 native Americans, on a pleasant afternoon, and sent them to Sevil'e to be sold by public auction,—for he had been engaged in the Portuguese slave-trade, where 62 cents was regarded as a fair price for an average man.

Christopher pushed his little scheme and pocketed the proceeds.

Let us push ours, and husband the advantages for our common good.

CITIZEN.

Personal.

Miss Myra B. Martin was in town last week.

Edward Grover spent Thanksgiving in this town.

John Vial spent Thanksgiving with his brother Nathaniel.

Herbert H. Clemence is at home for the Thanksgiving vacation.

Frank H. Reed visited his father in Newburg, N. Y., last week.

Miss Florence Buckland was the guest of Joel Marble last week.

Herbert E. Wells and A. Fyfe Hall were at home Thanksgiving day.

Miss May Cummings, now of Cambridge, was at home the past week.

Miss Carrie Armes is slowly recovering from an eight week's sickness.

Miss Louise Danielson made a short visit at home during the Thanksgiving recess.

Dr. G. G. Bulfinch has been appointed by Gov. Robinson, medical examiner for this district.

Dr. Leonard and family of Providence spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Dea. Leonard.

Julius A. Dresser and Miss Emma Dresser attended the wedding of a relative in Spencer, Wednesday.

H. A. Hargraves attended the reunion of former students at Dean academy, Tuesday evening.

G. B. Williams and family of Mendon spent Thanksgiving in town with his daughter Mrs. J. C. F. Wheelock.

Miss Emma Dresser took a prominent part in the quarterly concert of the music scholars at Dean Academy last week.

Fred E. Johnson of East Hartford, Ct., a former resident of this town spent Thanksgiving day with his mother Mrs. O. F. Barrett.

W. Pond, resident manager of Southern Pines Health Resort, Southern Pines, N. C., spent Thanksgiving with his daughter Mrs. Nathaniel Vial.

Emerson Baylies a former Southbridge resident but now living in Meriden, Ct. was called here last week by the death of his mother, Mrs. George Baylies.

John Airlie, recently an engraver in the Hamilton Woolen company's print works, will soon leave town, having obtained employment in the American print works at Fall River. He and his estimable family can ill be spared from the community, as they have ever been found on the right side of all questions pertaining to the welfare of the town.

Among the Churches.

There will be preaching by the pastor in the new Congregational church next Sabbath evening preceded by a short praise service at 6 o'clock.

Episcopal services will be held on Sunday next at 4 o'clock p. m., in the upper hall in Dresser's block. All are invited. The Rev. John S. Beers will officiate.

Sittings in the new Congregational church will be sold at public auction on Thursday evening, Oct. 1st, for six months ending with the last Sabbath in March 1886. During September seats will be free to any who may choose to occupy them. The public are cordially invited.

Last Sunday the vacation season was over and the churches were all occupied. Rev. F. Magwire, at the Universalist church, preached from the text, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." By way of introduction he said that all are today called, and that there is no need of an audible voice. First, all are called to be something — manly, faithful to business or occupation, honest. Second, all are called to do something—to be more than mere honest, faithful servants, workers, business men, to be "fishers of men," to have a faithful influence for good, work for temperance, to espouse the cause of religion, to sustain the church and all its departments of work.

Last Sabbath the pastor, Rev. Jos. Danielson, preached a post-dedication sermon in the new church, taking for his text, Hoggai 2:9, "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former." After briefly sketching the history of worship in patriarchal times, and in the Jewish tabernacle in the wilderness, he instituted a comparison between the first and second temple. As a material structure the latter was inferior to the former, but it had a superior glory in the fact that the Son of God, whose incarnate presence never graced the first, was often seen within the second temple. —The preacher drew the lesson that the chief glory of any house erected to God's praise is to be derived not from grandness of architecture so much as from "Jesus in the midst." There is in us an esthetic nature which needs to be cultivated. And we may readily believe that He who once reproved his people for dwelling in ceiled houses while his own house was left desolate, will not condemn, but commend us for making the church erected in his name attractive and pleasant. And yet the grand essential is not beauty of structure, high walls, arched ceilings and foliated columns, but rather the Divine presence. He who is greater than the temple must come into the house to render the place glorious. The hymns we sing, the prayers we offer, the sermons we preach and the ordinances we celebrate should have this for their underlying motive, to "Crown Him, Lord of all."

Nor does the mere mention of his name and the singing of his praises cover the whole idea of his presence in the sanctuary where Christ is a felt presence? He makes selfish natures benevolent; the barren, fruitful; the unlovely, winsome; the wavering, steady; the narrow-minded, liberal; and every one who profess godliness, to be more godly, until the course of excellence is reached, even "the stature of a perfect man in Christ Jesus."

In applying the lesson of the text, the speaker spoke of the present edifice as being architecturally considered, far in advance of the former, more pleasing to the eye, more commodious, more convenient, and better suited in every respect to the wants of the community. But will it have a more glorious, spiritual history than the old? The old was hallowed by the sacred memories of more than sixty years as a place of worship. The retrospect presents in many of its aspects a glorious record. But what shall the prospect be? Will the scenes to be enacted in the new exceed in glory all that was witnessed in the old edifice? This question will find its answer in the degree of faith with which those who have reared and dedicated this house to God, shall offer up the prayer "Arise, O Lord, unto this thy resting place, Thou and the ark of thy strength."

Charles Harvey Ammidown, who died in France on July 29, was 49 years old, and was the youngest son of the late Holmes Ammidown. He was born in Massachusetts and was educated in Boston. While a young man he went to Missouri and engaged in the lumber business. His business was completely ruined by the war. He went to New York and engaged successfully in the woolen business. He went to Europe in June 1885, and had since been traveling in search of health. His funeral took place in New York yesterday at the Church of Transfiguration, E. 29th street, New York, at 11 o'clock a. m. Interment will be at Southbridge.

Officers Jacobs and Clarke are after the violators of the liquor law.

About that Baptist Church.

Holmes Ammidown writes us relative to a query in a recent issue of the JOURNAL as to a statement in his book: "With regards to that temporary division of the Sturbridge Baptist society I have no doubt. Old Deacon John Phillips and a Mr. Corey both of influence were a part of those who left that old church, but subsequently returned. The question of the necessity of "the laying on of hands" to enable a person to become a member of the church, was with many of the early Baptist churches, deemed indispensible, and many churches required that ceremony, and such was the feeling with some of the members of this Sturbridge Baptist society. While a portion insisted upon this form a majority opposed it, as not being a necessity, and then a division occurred. Rev. Isaac Backus D. D., in his history of the Baptists (a valuable work recently republished) makes mention of a Rev. Mr. Ewing as a Baptist minister of Sturbridge; but this Mr. Ewing was connected only with the seceders; he was a Scotchman and as I believe came to Sturbridge knowing that the McKinstrys of Scotish descent resided there. I think the Rev. Joel Kinney who wrote a brief history of that society and church during his ministry there, 1839 to 1843, mentioned this seceding of several members. I am always glad to notice criticisms upon my historical collections, but in this instance the antiquarian you refer to I think speaks without a full knowledge of the question." Nov. 1879.

Malcolm Ammidown relief corps No. 71 was instituted Friday afternoon by Mustering Officer Mrs. Fred L. Perry and Conductor Mrs. Sabine of Springfield, with twenty-eight charter members. In the evening the following officers were installed in Odd Fellows' hall in the presence of the Post:

President—Mrs. John L. Morse.
S. V. P.—Mrs. Andrew H. Morse.
J. V. P.—Mrs. Lamson Allen.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Pellett.
Secretary—Mrs. F. W. Eaton.
Chaplain—Mrs. C. M. Cook.
Conductor—Miss Grace Johnson.
Assistant Conductor—Miss Mary Remmington.
Guard—Miss Addie Martin.
Assistant Guard—Mrs. Henry D. Mason.

The work of the relief corps is to assist the G. A. R. in perpetuating the memories of the war, charitable and fraternal work.

F. C. Litchfield is noble grand and Calvin Claflin vice grand, elect of the local lodge of Odd Fellows.

The Doctor of Alcantara.

The Doctor of Alcantara will be given under the direction of Mrs. H. N. Carpenter Thursday and Friday evenings, Dec. 16 and 17. Of the quality of the entertainment we need say nothing, otherwise than that it will be given under Mrs. Carpenter's supervision. The following is the cast of characters, chorus, etc:

Dr. Paracelsus, doctor of Alcantara, E. W. Winter.
Senor Balthazar, father of Carlos, C. S. Edmunds.
Carlos, his son, J. F. B. Litchfield.
Don Pomposo, Alguazil, J. A. King
Perey } Porters, { C. D. Bartlett
Sancho } { F. Hill
Donna Lucretia, wife of Dr. Paracelsus, Miss Mary E. Butler
Isabella, her daughter, Miss Minnie Searles
Susy, her maid, Mrs. H. N. Carpenter
Serenaders, Citizens, etc.
Scene: Alcantara, in house of Dr. Paracelsus.

Chorus—Soppanos: Mrs. Dr. Allen, Miss Addie Martin, Miss Cora Marble, Miss Carrie Marble, Miss Mary Pellett, Miss Agnes Meagher, Miss Carrie McKee. Altos: Mrs. M. P. Marks, Mrs. Mattie Litchfield, Miss Annie Marble, Miss Katie Abbott, Miss Clara Heffner, Miss Lizzie Alden, Miss Ida Varner. Tenors: Dr. C. C. Bradford, Arthur Wells, Jules Trudel, Mr. Caron. Bassos: Ernest Decelles, Bert Litchfield, Wm. McKee, Mr. Pinsoneault. Miss Florence King, accompanist. Full orchestra under the direction of F. E. Rowley. Nov 26 1886

The Opera, Doctor of Alcantara, given under the direction of Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, last Thursday and Friday evenings, was pronounced by those attending as a fine entertainment, in fact it was the most successful which Mrs. Carpenter had ever presented in point of merit and popularity with the audiences. It is to be regretted that so much expense and thoroughness in every detail was given to the work, that the expenses were not exceeded by the receipts, and Mrs. Carpenter meets with a loss financially but gains in public favor, which recognizes one who is untiring in her efforts to give the musical talent in town an opportunity for development. The full programme was given last week and each part was so carefully studied that a word of commendation was merited by all. The orchestra consisted of F W. Rowley, Violin; J. B. Green, Cornet; F. L. Geer, Clarinet; J. A. King, Flute and Piccolo; Augustus Cook, Trombone; H. N. Carpenter, Bass. 1886 Dec

J. M. & L. D. Clemence have purchased of Mrs. A. J. Bartholomew, the Jedediah Marcy wood lot, situated near the Catholic cemetery. This is one of the heaviest wood lots in this vicinity. 1886

Foot Race.

A large crowd assembled on Pleasant street Saturday evening to witness a one-hundred yard race between some of the best local athletes. The throng was so intense and the interest so great that it was with difficulty that a space sufficiently large for the racers. The runners were Collis Bushee, Maurice Murphy, John Creedon, Fred Longsway, Harry Bigelow. The starters got under way splendidly at the word "go" and kept close together all the distance crossing the line but a few feet apart. Bushee was 1st, 12 seconds; Murphy 2d and the third Creedon. The stake was $15.00, divided $7, $5, and $3. The starter was Thomas Thimblin, referees, Patrick Cavanaugh, Martin Whalen, and John Shields.

Band.

The members of the Southbridge Brass band are well pleased with the reception accorded their subscription paper, which has recently been circulated, and we may add, not yet closed, and will endeavor to show their appreciation of the generosity of their friends during the series of out-door concerts which they intend to render during the remainder of the season. They are continually supplying themselves with new music, and have so far recovered from the loss of several of their instruments, and all their music, by the recent fire, as to be prepared to accept any business in their line that may be required of them.

The first of the series of concerts will be given from the town house lawn on Friday eve, the 23d, at 8 o'clock, and the program as follows:

March, "On the Field,"	Casey
Waltz, "Fairie Voices,"	Crowe
Polka Duet, "Queens Trumpeters,"	Missud
March, Portland Cadets,	Reeves
Waltzes, "Auf Wiedersehn,"	Bailey
Andante and Concert Polka,	Casey
March, "Solid Shot,"	Rollinson
Airs from "Mikado,"	Boettger
Masquerade, "Twilight,"	McQuinn
March, "Capt. Winship,"	Thomas

Mrs. Allie E. Whitaker, who conducted a "Woman's Interests" department in the SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL for fifteen years, has had entire editorial charge of that paper since Jan. 1st, at which time Mr. Whitaker purchased the *New England Farmer*. The JOURNAL has now passed into the hands of a company, and Mrs. Whitaker will give her undivided attention to the woman's department of the *Farmer*, a department which she started and has been conducting in addition to her other work.—*Woman's Journal.* Oct 15 1886

Personal.

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Mrs. Geo. H. Hartwell is in New Jersey.

Geo. W. Wells is spending a few days in New York.

Arthur D. Fisk of Worcester is the guest of Hiram Morse. 1886

Dr. J. McGregory has been very sick during the present week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Ryan have been visiting relatives in Springfield.

Mrs. Geo. E. Marsh of Providence, R. I., is visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis of Marlboro, visited friends in town the past week. Oct 1886

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Keith have been visiting friends in Worcester this week. Oct 1886

The Southbridge Brass band serenaded Mr. and Mrs. Louis Delage last Monday evening.

One of our most efficient officers of the law is soon to be led a captive to the hymenial altar.

Mrs. Geo. Edwards of Canterbury, Ct., formerly of this town, is the guest of Wm. E. Horton. Oct 1886

Jas. E. Flynn, a former resident, and member of the 51st and later of the 4th cavalry is in town.

Mrs. John Tatterson is in Lawrence attending the fortieth anniversary of the consecration of Grace church. 1886

Amasa Dolan and Wm. Buchanan, left town Wednesday for a three weeks trip to their native place, Isle Mott, Vt. We wish them a good time. Oct 1886

—The schools in town began last Monday, excepting the high, which begins next Monday. The following is a correct roster of the teachers: High school—Principal, F. E. Corbin; assistant, Jennie E. Gould. Higher grammar—Main street, Miss R. M. Stetson; School street, Miss Fannie J. Gushee. Lower grammar—Main street, Mary Remington; School street, Mary Newell. Intermediate—Main street, Mary E. Clemence; Union street, Alice E. Holmes; River street, Idella Brewster. Higher primary—Elm street, Mary E. Pellett; School street, A. Rebecca Rowley; River street, Etta Chamberlain. Lower primary—River street No. 1, Mary Ellis; River street No. 2, Agnes Meagher; School street, Annie Morse; Main street, Mrs. Susie Knight; Elm street, Addie Martin. Mixed primary—Carpenter school, Martha Cutting; Sumner, Valletta M. Paine; Hooker, Ellen Williams; Bacon, Callie Haskell; Dennison, Ida Plimpton; Sandersdale, Mary Edwards. Sept 24 1886

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A WEEK OF RALLIES.

The Town Painted Red.

REPUBLICAN.

Last Friday evening was a night long to be remembered by those interested in local politics. By some mishap both parties were to have rallies and parades the same evening, and great exertions were made to see which would excel the other. The republicans fairly outdid themselves. The long string of uniformed even-marching local torch-bearers was augmented by the Sturbridge battalion and the Fiskdale band. The procession was of great length and presented a very fine appearance, particularly when lighted up by the colored lights and fireworks which were profuse along the line of the march. The town never witnessed a finer display.

It was so elaborate that there was much delay in getting to the hall. It was, however, well filled with a very attentive audience, who gave close attention to the remarks of Hon. Geo. B. Loring. He spoke substantially as follows:

I wish to advocate the election of Robinson and Ames, because they represent the principles of Andrew and of Sumner. I am also here as a national republican to advocate the election of Blaine and Logan. I am here as the commissioner of agriculture and as the friend of every interest and every industry. Dr. Loring then proceeded to speak of the growth of the United States in population, manufactures and commerce, and asked wherein the republican party had failed to do its duty. Then the speaker set forth in vivid terms the past glorious career of the republican party. The republicans were now the same as they had ever been. But as for the democrats, they were always inconsistent; they, of the party who opposed the war, would appear afterward with a union general at their head; they would take again as their head a highly respectable old gentlemen of New York whose only qualification was his barrel. So it was always; the democratic party has had no voice in establishing the history of the country, not a law of any value has it passed, but during all these twenty-four years of magnificent advance that party has made no record. Now again they turn up. "Of their candidates what can I say?" queried the speaker. What I do know about him I do not care to discuss in this presence. He has never seen the Washington monument, never been in the agricultural bureau, never sent out a parcel of seeds. As to the democratic platform, it contains an indefinite clamor for reform, and they want to put in office men like Buchanan and Floyd. They find fault with the republican party for doing this and not doing that, but the republican party has defended the flag, has set free the slave, has established honor and credit and prosperity throughout the country. They say the republican party is one of reminiscences. They do not see the grand reminiscences of that party; they do not see that that party restored the government after the war, that it restored the currency to a sound foundation; that it developed American industry by the influence of a protective tariff under the constitution. What is the financial reminiscence or the industrial prosperity reminiscence of the other party? Where is there a trace of such reminiscence for them? As for labor in the United States there is no better paid laborer elsewhere in the world, and the laborer here owes that prosperity to the republican party. Mr. Loring then reviewed the character of the republican candidate, naming the long list of upright men who indorse James G. Blaine. Said he. "I know personally that Mr. Blaine is an honest man."

Oct. 17. DEMOCRATIC. 1884.

The democrats of Southbridge opened the campaign last Friday night with a torchlight procession and rally, at Dresser Opera house. The Cadet band furnished music, with Hon. Jas. A. McGeough, of Boston, and John R. Thayer, of Worcester, as speakers.

The meeting was called to order by S. K. Edwards, who read a list of the officers, with A. H. Wheeler as president. Mr. Wheeler in a few brief remarks introduced the Hon. Jas. A. McGeough. He began by saying, "we are fast approaching the most important election in the history of our country, and no man can afford to be neutral in this contest. On it is dependent the future prosperity, in a measure, of our government, and its stability and success is to be largely intrusted with the men at the head. It is, therefore, every man's duty to see that the best men are chosen. In order to carry out successfully our ideal of government, party organization is necessary, and we can not work individually. Two great parties met in convention and put their nominees in opposition. These two parties stand before the country, and he who wants to have a voice in the welfare of the country, must act with them. The speaker went on to say that long continuation in power leads to abuse, and change is essential. The democratic form of government is for the purpose of giving the people a chance to change their officers. The democratic party of today differs from that of war time, even as the republican party of the days when Lincoln, Seward and Sumner were leaders, differs from the party of Brady, Elkins and Dorsey. The republicans say they will reform their own abuses, but we would hardly expect a bank to leave a guilty cashier and his friends in charge of the funds. The platforms of the parties do not differ and should be taken as they are and not by what they appear to be. Voters are hindered from exercising the right of franchise by a poll tax in this state, and a property tax in Rhode Island, and the immigrant must seek the supreme court for citizenship, when he might as well go to the district court, at less expense. He then referred to the McSweeney case, in regard to the protection of citizens abroad, and Blaine's theory of distribution of the surplus revenue and his Chilian policy. In conclusion, he said we want fearless men to perform the duty of clearing away the rubbish of the republican party, and the men to do it are Cleveland and Hendricks.

John R. Thayer, esq., followed the first speaker, and touched upon the Ohio election, the spoils system and the grievance which led men to go out from the old party. The Chicago convention was represented by men chosen from every town and hamlet, and their action was for the best. Tammany supposed she could control the New York delegation and agreed to abide by the unit rule, but it happened that when the delegation was chosen, Tammany could not control it, and so went before the convention and tried to break the rule. Every state except New York, however, voted individually, and the unit rule only applied to that one state. Mr. Rice says the question of tariff and free trade is the issue of the campaign, but the speaker denied this was the issue. The great convention at Chicago did not believe in free trade, and they did not advise any such plank. Mr. Rice himself says that the tariff should be revised, that on some things the duty is too high. That is what the democratic party says. Which party in a revision would protect

working men the most, the republican party which has no love for working men, or the democratic party that is made up of working men? The republicans talk about solid South, and the terrible bulldozing methods, with Copiah county outrages, etc., but they forget to look at home and find the civilized bulldozing which is done in Massachusetts. The case of the two colored carpenters of Worcester was then related, and the guilt of the party shown. The speaker concluded with the assurance that with New York and Indiana solid for Cleveland, our government was to be administered for the next four years in an honest and economical manner.

The speakers were repeatedly interrupted with enthusiastic applause, the hall being filled to overflowing the entire evening.

PROHIBITION.

The prohibitionists held a well-attended meeting Tuesday evening. Previous to the gathering the Cadet band paraded the streets and gave a concert in front of the Opera house.

Rev. G. Beekman called the meeting to order and introduced Rev. Frank D. Handy as the president of the evening. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. Easterbrook.

Mr. Handy said that the democratic party makes no pretensions to being a temperance party. We expect to find it on the side of rum every time. The republicans, while pretending to be for temperance, are ready to take any position that will give them power, and have not done all that has been oned for temperance. The question is a national one, bigger than the tariff issue, concerning the resources of the nation and having an important bearing on the labor question.

Rev. G. Beekman told at some length what the democratic party had done for prohibition and what the republican party had omitted to do. All the temperance that the South has, comes from the democratic party. Democratic Tennessee, with a law prohibiting a rum shop from locating within four miles of a school-house, was sharply contrasted with republican Massachusetts which allows rum to be sold within four hundred feet of a school-house, and thinks that a burdensome restriction. The address closed with an eloquent appeal to the voters present to come out from the old corrupt parties.

The last speaker was Rev. J. T. Docking of Michigan, sent by the state committee in place of Rev. Dr. Patterson who was unable to be present. He argued for the abstract principle of prohibition and denounced the republican party. When it came into power there were prohibitory laws in fifteen states and now in only two. The republicans care more for a man available to carry New York than for principle. Christ said, "Feed my lambs." The republican party cares nothing for these creatures—only for the tariff on wool to help carry Ohio. He compared the minority for St. John with the minority at the time of the flood, and urged that a vote for principle was never lost or thrown away. He claimed that 98 percent of the Michigan Methodist ministers are for St. John.

Silver Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sinclair celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage at their home on Canal street, Monday evening, July 5.

A large company was present, noticeably among which was many young people, and all seemed to join with each other in making this anniversary a most enjoyable occasion, and one to be pleasantly remembered as year by year brings us nearer the setting sun. The host in a few well chosen words welcomed the guests, well pleased that such a large number were present, and extended the hospitalities of his home to one and all.

The master of ceremonies declining an invitation to deliver an address, his place was supplied by Winfield S. Kilton, who read a poem written by himself for the occasion, which was well received and highly appreciated.

Rev. Silvanus Hayward was then called upon, who, as a preliminary, read the certificate of marriage, signed by the officiating clergyman of Lochee, Scotland, July 5th, 1861, after which he delivered a very appropriate address, directing his remarks first to the happy couple and then to their guests assembled, dwelling on the thoughts which such an occasion presented, and closed with a short prayer.

After these exercises were concluded, a bountiful collation was served, and the remainder of the evening richly enjoyed in a good, social time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair were the recipients of many useful and valuable presents, tokens of the high esteem in which this worthy couple is held by their many friends in this their adopted country and particularly this community.

The baccalaureate at Bowdoin college was delivered last Sunday by President Hyde, who spoke from the text: "Behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation."

Miss Mary E. Silverthorn has been the guest of Miss Etta Chamberlain this week. A number of her former pupils while assistant at the high school tendered her a reception Tuesday evening.

It is with pleasure we note, among the list of Yale prizes, the announcement that Elmer F. Letcher has taken a first rank prize in Latin composition. While this reflects credit upon the student himself, it also speaks well for the Southbridge schools from which he is a graduate.

Fred L. Geer, for a number of years employed in the JOURNAL office, and latterly the foreman, has resigned his position to accept one more desirable at Cottage City. Of late he has occupied much of his spare time with clarinet practise till he has become very skillful and won for himself considerable local fame both as a member of orchestras and as a soloist. He is succeeded in the JOURNAL office by a gentleman of many years' experience in some of the best job printing offices in Boston, who will do in the best manner all work intrusted to this office. The JOURNAL office has an assortment of type, machinery and miscellaneous printing material, unusually large and complete for a country establishment.

Geo. A. Haggerty, Mechanical Superintendent of the New Brunswick railways, was in town last week visiting his parents. This department of railways embraces the New Brunswick railway, New Brunswick and Canada, St. John and Maine, E. & N. A. Railroad west of St. John, Fredrickton railroad and branches. Mr. Haggerty has built some very large engines since he took the position of mechanical superintendent, one especially designed to take a train of four cars from Fredericton to St. John, sixty-four miles in one hour and fifty minutes, including one stop. It makes the entire run without taking water. The "Flying Yankee" a quick train from Boston to Halifax he takes at the American line and hauls to Halifax, three hundred and seventeen miles, at a rate of forty-five miles per hour.

—William Comstock is building an ice house in the rear of his block on Main street.

Joseph Hodges.

Born in Providence, R. I., Feb. 11, 1827 and died in Southbridge, June 18, 1886.

Mr. Hodges passed his boyhood and early life in his native city, Providence. There he was for several years engaged in a large and prosperous business. During the time of his residence in that city, he made many friends who retained their esteem and affection for him through all the vicissitudes of his life.

Mr. Hodges was naturally frail in constitution and delicate in health, and after several years of close application to business, his strength was so impaired, that his continuance in active, business life, became a matter of great doubt. At first he sought a renewal of his health by life and work on a farm in Barrington, near Providence. Here he resided for a while, retaining at the same time his business in the city. At last, however, the state of his health became so serious that he felt compelled to give up his business entirely. This he did, though he always regretted that he had not retained, as he might have done, an interest in it.

For several years after leaving Providence, Mr. Hodges changed from place to place in search of health, with little success, until he went to Minneapolis, Minn, where the climate so far agreed with him that his health was greatly benefitted. Here he settled for some years and engaged in the real estate business. But in the financial crisis of '73 and '74, when so many fortunes disappeared in a day, Mr. Hodges lost the property which had been accumulated in the former years of prosperity.

Removing from Minneapolis, he resided for a time at Chicago. This was a period of great discouragement and depression in his life, during which he was cheered and sustained by his noble wife, formerly Miss Carrie A. Fiske, daughter of Dea. Henry Fiske, of Southbridge. The memory of both father and daughter is blessed.

In 1877, Mr. Hodges and family removed to Southbridge, making their residence at the former home of Mrs. Hodges. Here he built several large greenhouses and built up quite a business as florist and gardner. Not many years after coming to Southbridge, he suffered another great affliction in the loss of his wife, who died in Feb., 1883. She was a woman greatly esteemed and beloved by all who knew her, a faithful wife and sincere Christian. No record of him can justly omit this tribute to her memory, and he himself in the last hours of life, acknowledged with marked feeling and gratitude his great indebtedness to both his wife and her family.

Mr. Hodges was not a well man for years, in fact, nearly his whole life was a struggle with disease. Considering this fact, together with the many discouragements and reverses of his life, it appears that he was a man of great patience and remarkable will.

For a month or two past he seemed to be suffering more than usual, though he said so little about it, that few noticed any change. His death, therefore, seemed sudden, but from several things which he did, and letters found among his papers, it is evident that he anticipated his death.

Mr. Hodges was a man of very marked peculiarities, quiet in manners, and reticent to a degree that often made him appear cold and even repelling. But peculiarities are frequently only the guards by which a man surrounds himself to prevent the near approach of uncongenial spirits. It is only to be regretted that from lack of sufficient thought, these guards often become a barrier to friends as well as foes. But he who succeeds in passing these barriers, may find behind a forbidding exterior a character that has in it much that is worthy.

How beautiful and commendable in our judgment and treatment of all men is that charity, which, because it suffereth long and is kind, covers a multitude a multitude of sins.

G. E.

Capt. David F. Newell.

Among the historic names in this vicinity, that of Newell is one of the most prominent, and the death of Daniel F. Newell, which occurred the 16th, removes a prominent one of that name and one of the oldest inhabitants in town. He was born Dec. 12, 1800, in the house where he always resided. This house near the corner of Main and Pleasant streets, is one of the oldest in town, appearing in the old painting of Globe village, by Alexander, now in the Public library. It was built before the Revolutionary war, and has always stood in the Newell name. The father brought from the forest upon his shoulders the elm tree that now stands in the side-walk in front of his late residence.

He was one of the nine children of Samuel and Susan Newell, and a machinist by trade, having previous to learning his trade been superintendent of the carding department of what is now the Hamilton Woolen Co's works.

At 30 he married Sophronia, a sister of Charles Allen of Sturbridge, by whom he had three children—Jane E. who died in infancy; Adelaide S., now deceased, who married James A. King, and Norval, who is employed by the Morse Twist Drill company in New Bedford. Mrs. Newell died Aug. 13, 1837, and July 16, 1839, he married Harriet S. Sheddon, by whom he had four children—Harriet S. and Mary L., who died in infancy; Stanley F., now of White Plains, N. Y., and Cassius M., of Chicago.

For some thirty-six years he was employed in the Hamilton Woolen company's machine shop, and was noted for the thoroughness of his work. Of late years he has been retired from business, other than caring for his carefully saved accumulations which have been increased by small legacies from the estate of his brother Geo. W. Newell and others. When a young man he took a trip to Europe, at a time when such an experience for a person from a country town was very rare. He was one of the founders of the Universalist church and one of its liberal supporters. His sister was the first wife of ex-Governor William L. Marcy of New York. Being a man of rare modesty he never held the public office to which he might have been entitled by his industrious, temperate, prudent and successful qualities.

He was captain of the militia, commissioned by Gov. Levi Lincoln in 1828. He was undemonstrative and unassuming and in his home was affectionate, cheerful and social. He had the respect and confidence of the community. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, by Rev. F. Magwire. June 16. 1886.

—About twenty-five from Southbridge were present at the bi-centennial celebration at Roseland Park last Tuesday. The exercises were very interesting throughout to the thousands of people that had gathered to listen to them. Between the intermission an elm tree, which was brought from the mother town, Roxbury, was planted and is to be known as the "Warren elm." Elmer F. Letcher and Edwin S. Beecher, whose patriotic zeal led them to take the foot path in order to witness the celebration, took part in the exercises by each planting a spade full of earth upon its roots. The fire-works in the evening were grand and were enjoyed by a large number. Our travellers arrived home shortly after one o'clock Wednesday morning, well paid for their trip.

Sept. 8. 1886

Golden Wedding.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Travis, which occurred last Thursday, was a very pleasant and eminently successful affair. There was a reception at their residence at noon, at which were present a large number of friends and relatives—well filling the lower rooms of the large house. A procession was formed and all marched to Dresser Hall where a bounteous collation was well served. After the inner man had feasted upon the viands so lavishly provided the master of ceremonies called the assembly to order and a quintet sang "Ring the bells softly," after which Rev. H. H. Rhees in behalf of the friends and relatives presented the collection of gifts with fitting remarks upon the beauty of a life passed without stain or dishonor, in the fear of God and striving for holiness, assured the venerable couple of the honor and respect of their friends as manifested by their presence and the substantial tokens of affection, and in conclusion expressed golden wishes for their happiness in this life and the world to come. The gifts were of considerable quantity and quality; among them were two easy chairs, a silver ice pitcher and other mementoes. Mr. Travis responded thanking his friends for their kindness. He was born in Weston, six miles from Lexington, of revolutionary parentage. He lived there fourteen years and then came to Sturbridge now Southbridge. The place was a wilderness then there being only three buildings here now that were standing then. Of all the growth of the town he had been a witness. His wife was born in Southbridge then Sturbridge, her grandfather being one of the first settlers in the place.

The quintet then sang "Only an armor bearer. After this the first sentiment was read. 1st sentiment, "The Martins" was responded to by G. H. Martin and duet by Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle all of Norwich. A poem written for the occasion by an absent friend was then read by Rev. H. H. Rhees. The 2d sentiment "Hager" was responded to by J. B. Hager of Boston. In response to the third sentiment Dea. Marvin Cheney related his experiences since his golden wedding. The choir then sang "Hold the fort." Dea. Fiske spoke for the old acquaintances of Mr. Travis. The medical profession was toasted and Dr. Martin of Norwich responded. A response to the sentiment "Pills" came from G. H. Hartwell and A. J. Bartholomew spoke for the legal profession and Geo. M. Whitaker for the press. C. A. Paige spoke for the fathers of the town; also S. Dresser. In response to other sentiments remarks were made by G. A. Dresser, Joel Cheney, and Mr. Tuttle of Hartford. Mrs. Tuttle sang a song "Sing sweet bird." There was a cornet and piano duet by the Messrs. Travis of Natick. The choir sang an original poem composed for the occasion and the exercises closed with the grand old hymn "Nearer my God to Thee." The music had been furnished by Dr. and G. H. Martin of Norwich and Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle of Hartford—all relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Travis—and Miss Redding of Southbridge. It was of a superior order and was very pleasing to the auditors. The remarks were all of a happy order, congratulatory and complimentary—as is the custom on such occasions. The bride and groom may congratulate themselves on the many manifestations of esteem and respect. At the close of the afternoon friends returned to the house and passed a merry evening with song, story and reminiscence. Apr. 13. 76.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

Brief Mention.

Why not have a tobogganing club this winter.

T. Potter & Co. are moving into Comstock's block.

New lamp posts have arrived and are being put in position.

New signs have been placed at the railroad crossing at Foster street.

The shuttle shop was shut down Monday forenoon on account of the breaking of the main belt.

The highway surveyor with a large gang of men and teams is busy widening the road near the Columbian.

John Kenney had his left wrist broken while engaged in an "un pleasant ness" at Tommy Waldron's tailoring chambers on Walcott street.

The concerts given by the Southbridge Brass band yesterday afternoon and evening were of a high order and were enjoyed by all present.

The Ancient Order of Foresters held their annual ball Wednesday evening. A good time was enjoyed by all and dancing was kept up until a late hour.

Thomas W. Stevenson of Killingly, Ct., has been employed by the Hamilton Woolen Co. to take charge of their finishing department at the Big mill.

Memorial Day. 1874

It is a reproach to the people of Southbridge that this national holiday is allowed to pass by, year after year, without special recognition or observance. Over all our broad land this day is held sacred. Its observance is not confined to the great cities, for in almost every village in the country it is respected as a holiday—a day on which people meet together, actuated by one impulse, the perpetuation of the memory of the brave men who died that the nation might live. Sixteen years have floated down the silent stream of time since, at the call of the executive, our citizen soldiery, with one accord, rallied under the starry flag, and leaving home, kindred, and all they held dear in life, cheerfully assumed the hardships and privations of a soldier's life, that our imperilled institutions might be saved. The issues of that mighty conflict are dead, and it is meet that it should be so, but the memory of the brave men who fell in their country's defense should not be allowed to die also. In what more befitting manner can we impress upon the minds of our children the lesson of the self-sacrifice and heroism of those brave men than by joining in the simple and touching ceremony of decorating our soldiers' graves on each recurring anniversary of this day? Slowly, but surely, the remnant of brave men who rallied to defend the flag are passing away. Slowly, but surely, the ranks of the Grand Army are being decimated by the ruthless hand of time, and the "comrades" are fast going to answer the roll-call of the Great Commander. We do not fear that either the deeds or the valor of our brave soldiers will be forgotten,

> "Our Fame's eternal camping-ground
> The silent tents are spread,
> And Glory guards with solemn round
> The bivouac of the dead."

but we appeal to the people to keep up the beautiful custom of "Memorial Day," and by thus honoring the memory of the dead we shall be showing our appreciation of the services of our heroes who still live, and they, in turn, will feel that their sufferings and priviations have not been in vain. We trust that ere another anniversary of the day shall have passed our citizens will have taken some interest in this matter, and that, on each coming "Memorial Day," Southbridge will not be behind her sister towns in doing honor to the nation's dead. COR.

New boxes have been placed in the postoffice to accommodate those who have large quantities of mail. They will be lettered instead of numbered.

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Universalist Convention. 1885.

A convention of the Universalist churches of the Worcester district was held in the Universalist church of this town, beginning Wednesday evening. The meetings have been well attended and extremely interesting. A great deal of zeal and enthusiasm has been manifested: and it is expected that much good will come of the conference.

Wednesday evening Rev. B. F. Bowles preached to an audience of women, the men being absent at the town meeting. He took for his text Isaiah 54:21, "There is no God beside me, a just God and a Savior." He dealt first upon the supremacy of God, second his justice, and third God as a Savior. The drift of the discourse was to extract the practical truths and lessons from these points: God's supremacy implies his freedom and control over the natural and spiritual world. It would be right and justice for him to use his superior power to befriend man from his foes—appetites, passions, environment, etc. But man can reach the best development only by conflict with adverse conditions. This involves the necessity of God as a savior—not to save men against untoward circumstances, but through them The address concluded with an appeal to his audience to co-operate with God in the use of his instruments in the development of the world. Let there be earnest thinking and loyalty to thought.

In the morning Thursday, there was a conference meeting with an able and practical address by Rev. Mr. Perry of Palmer, after which there were remarks by various other gentlemen present. The exercises were very interesting and profitable.

Yesterday afternoon Rev. L. Holmes of Charlton read an extremely apt essay on the present outlook of our faith. The increased intelligence of the masses causes new manifestations of unbelief and doubt. If we improve our opportunities and perform our duties, this opens a wide field for work. For there is nothing competent to save and recover these persons but our creed, which is growing and becoming more strong and popular.

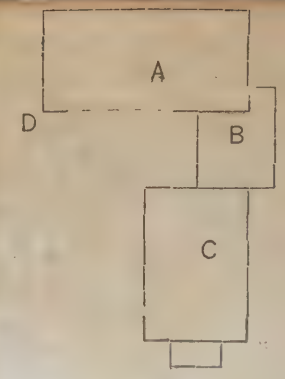
In the discussion which followed Rev. Mr. Bowles alluded to the work of the future. There are about us many who do not attend any church. Man can't live long without some religion and as these people begin to look about them for the most rational religion they will come to us. Universalism will also grow as the popular misapprehensions about it are removed. We may not be able to compete with other churches in size or beauty of church edifices, in fine choirs or elegant preaching, but we can compete with them in our religion or theology.

Rev. Mr. Harris considered the outlook for Universalism most brilliant. He did not think infidelity or materialism were on the increase, but that man is believing in a living God as never before.

Rev. Mr. Harris delivered an eloquent and profound sermon to a large audience last evening.

Thunder Showers. Fire.

Tuesday evening about six o'clock this town was visited by an unusually heavy thunder shower, or rather there were two—one coming from the westward and the other from the easterly. They were accompanied by a severe gale of wind which threatened much damage and did twist off the branches from many trees. The two showers joined forces over this village and treated our citizens to a terriffic display of celestial pyrotechnics. A little before half past six a bolt struck the south-west corner of Dr. West's barn. He almost immediately saw that it was on fire and went into the hay loft. At that time if he could have had a few pails of water, he could have stopped the fire. But before he could get down stairs and back the whole of the upper story of the barn was in flames and the dense smoke was pouring down the stairs. Two horses were at once taken out and while going into the stable for the third, the horse kicked the doctor flat on his back, breaking two or three ribs and inflicting several flesh bruises. He was immediately on his feet, however, and about all the evening giving directions. The alarm was soon given to the fire department—at 21 minutes before seven at the Melville house from which the JOURNAL reporter got the summons. The Tiger alarm was given a few minutes sooner. The Tiger machine was promptly on hand and stationed at a well on Marcy street, but having insufficient hose was unable to do anything and was subsequently sent to the brook in the rear of Mr. Bartholomew's house. The Melvilles were on hand in seven minutes from the alarm, and nine minutes from the alarm at the Melville house Steamer 1 had water on the fire. Steamer 2's first water came in 22 minutes. We append the following diagram of the buildings for the clear understanding of the reader:



A is the barn and D the corner where the lightning struck it. B is the ell and C the main part of the residence. When the fire department got to work the barn was entirely in flames which were just beginning to approach the ell. The barn was ruined and the work to do was to save the house. The Melvilles and the two steamers poured an abundance of water on and into the building, but the attics were finished so that but a small tithe of the water did any good. The fire crept along in the inclosed portions of the roof out of the reach of the firemen, and its progress could readily be seen by the blue smoke coming through the shingles, or small attempts at a blaze. At about 7:40 the roof of the main building was all in flames and this gave the water a chance to get at the fire, which was then quickly got under control and subdued.

The firemen did excellent service showing great courage and endurance in facing heat and smoke or in working at the brakes. The steamers were in service about three hours. Steamer 1 was stationed at the Main street reservoir in front of Barnes' block, and Steamer 2 at the new Hamilton street reservoir. From the latter place to the fire was 437 paces. The machines ran with an average of 185 pounds of water pressure.

It is always the right of a free people to find fault with those in authority but in this case there has been an unusual amount of fault finding with the management of the fire. A large number of our best and clearest headed citizens unite in claiming that the fire ought not to have been allowed to reach the main building These critics should remember that it is much easier to find fault than to do the work themselves. They should also remember that the finished rooms in the roof made it difficult to get at the fire, while the unobstructed connection between the spaces of the ell and main house gave the fire every opportunity to spread rapidly. Yet it is the opinion of very

many—formed while looking at the fire and not changed since—that if the hook and ladder men had been ordered to chop into the roof of the ell so that the water could have got at the fire its progress could have been stopped there. As it is the roof of the whole building is a total loss, and the house is further injured by water, etc.

Much sympathy is expressed for the doctor. He was not in very good health and to lose—for a time even—his home and in addition to be confined by the accident is a double calamity.

The loss is estimated at $4,000, fully insured in the Old Mutual and Fitchburg insurance companies at Phillips' agency.

Since the above was written we are informed that a lady who lives near saw the bolt strike the barn, and says that it struck the cupola, which seemed to entirely vanish at once.

Mrs. Geo. Dillaber lost much of her lost most of her personal property which was stored in the upper tenement.

There were several narrow escapes and minor accidents at the fire. The double doors connecting the parlors were constructed to raise and lower, being balanced by means of ropes running over pulleys attached to the ridge pole. The doors were raised until the fire burned the ropes when they fell with a great crash demolishing a bed stead and only avoiding by a hair's breadth crushing Mrs. Brown who was standing almost under them. Hoseman Benson of Steamer 1 was badly suffocated.

The fire illustrated the need of a better water supply. We admit that after both steamers were at work much more water was poured into the building than was needed, but the distance at which the machines were stationed necessitated delays at the start when time is the most valuable, and they had to work at a greater pressure than is advantageous, and at a greater pressure than the hose will bear when it becomes a little older.

The same shower sent one of its favors at the new house of Henry Clark on South street. The bolt struck the ornamental pinnacle on the top of the house, which it shattered, and passed down till it met a gas pipe. It crossed to the other end of the house on this, and down in a partition between a chamber and kitchen to a ⊥ in the pipe. Here it divided; one part entered the chamber, having the appearance of a ball of fire, and prostrated Mrs. Porter, pulling off her eye glasses and curiously bending the nose piece; the other part passed into the kitchen to an iron sink and copper pump, breaking some crockery in its passage. The damage to the house was not great and Mrs. Porter received no serious injuries.

1879.

AS OTHERS SEE US. 1885.

The JOURNAL has said so much about the fine appearance of Southbridge and the beautiful scenery of this vicinity that our words may have lost something of their influence. Consequently we are glad to reprint the views of others and show our readers that we are not alone in an enthusiasm for the natural and artificial beauties of this locality. The following is from the graceful and vigorous pen of W. H. Cook, the talented editor of the *Milford Journal*, and appeared in that paper last week:

AN EDITORIAL OUTING.

Last Thursday and Friday were outing days with the writer, Southbridge being the objective point, and the hospitable domicile of editor Whitaker of the *Journal* the rendezvous. Right here we feel like saying that Bro. Whitaker ought to be what he unmistakably is—a happy man. His home, situated high up on the banks of the Quinnebaug, and overlooking the entire village, is "a thing of beauty." The eye is of little account which can fail to enjoy the entrancing panorama which stretches away in every direction. It is an ideal home in the full sense of that term.

Having visited it, we can well understand why Southbridge enjoys so wide a reputation as a handsome and attractive town. Its location, along the banks of the picturesque Quinnebaug, is a strong point in its favor. This river furnishes ample water power for the great manufacturing industries of the Hamilton Woolen Co. and the American Optical Co., which furnish employment to hundreds of operatives, besides other concerns which we have not the space to detail.

A more thrifty-looking, well kept town we have never visited; few there are that can reach its standard. The main business street is adorned with imposing, modern-built structures, prominent among them being a first-class hotel. Since it is the only one in town, the proprietor can afford to manage it on a liberal scale. The churches, school-houses and other public buildings show a progressive spirit in the community, while the public library is rarely equaled in any country town. In this connection we cannot forbear saying that the people showed good judgment in reelecting editor Whitaker on its board of management at the recent election.

There are numerous fine residences in the town. One thing which particularly attracted our attention was the air of neatness everywhere manifest, as also the abundance of flower plots and handsomely kept lawns.

The town of course has a skating rink, but not of the ordinary sort. It is of large dimensions, located on one of the principal streets, and managed on such correct principles as to easily secure the patronage of large numbers of the best people in town. An excellent brass band is also another appreciated institution.

Our host, with his reliable equine and comfortable buckboard, treated us to very enjoyable drives about the town; and these drives, go in whatever direction you please, are filled with romantic beauty. From the summit of Fisk hill, some two or three miles from town, a sweep of country at least 50 miles in extent, is plainly taken in at every point of the compass. Wachusett seems right at hand, and in a clear day Monadnock stands out in bold relief like a rock-ribbed giant holding the fortress of the sky.

The old town of Sturbridge—can we ever forget our drive through its richly historic scenes, all alive with reminiscences of the forefathers, it being the first town settled in that section. It is also noted in the history of today as being the home of the eminent portrait painter, Wm. Willard, who stands at the head of his profession in this country. Mr. W.'s home is a grand old residence dating away back to the days of the Revolution, it at one time being the headquarters of an American general. The view from it up through the valley, is a picture of exquisite beauty. Just beyond is the village green, and facing it "The Elms," an old hotel, freighted with reminiscences of the Revolutionary war. It has just been purchased by Mr. Taylor, a gentleman from Brooklyn, who has put it in excellent shape for the accommodation of summer visitors, though without marring any of its quaintness or antiquarian value. Close by is the old churchyard (we do not wish to be understood that there is any Siamese twin connection between a well-kept hotel and a grave-yard), wherein peacefully repose the remains of many a first settler of the town.

The location of the village is indeed a beautiful one, while the spot is made doubly attractive by the numerous reminders of "ye ancient days" to be seen on all hands.

Aside from his attractive home surroundings, we found Bro. Whitaker the possessor of a complete printing establishment, in his own building, with plenty of evidences of a prosperous business—a fact which is a pleasing one to his many friends in the journalistic fraternity.

One of the best residences in town—elegance, thoroughness of finish and convenience being considered—is the new one of Hiram Wells, just completed. If it has equals it has no superiors. The outside design is ornamental but in excellent taste; and the interior is well arranged with a view to both comfort and sanitary conditions. The doors and other wood finish are of beautiful-grained ash. In some rooms it is further set off by cherry and other woods. One pleasing feature in connection with the whole is that Mr. Wells has aimed as far as possible to give the work to home mechanics, and they in turn have seemed to appreciate his disposition and to do as good work for him as is possible. Hartwell Hobbs was architect and carpenter. M. Farrel did the mason work, J. Williams the plumbing, Jacob Booth the painting and Alphonse Deslauries the slating—and there is no better work in town in these departments. We trust Mr. Wells will live long and take much comfort in his new house. Jan. 1878.

Building. 1880.

For several years past an average of twenty buildings per year have been constructed in this town. Last year the amount was a little below the average, although not much. The list, as reported from time to time in these columns, included one by John Rowley on South street, one by M. Gamash on North street, one by Lovell Putney at Sandersdale, one by P. Moriaty near Mill street, one by Thomas G. Carey on Gilmore street, one by J. J. Oakes on Oakes avenue, two by Bartholomew & Chapin on Glover and Walnut streets, one by Mrs. Bradford on Chapin street, one by Lewis Bebo on Charlton road, one by S. K. Edwards on Edwards street, two by the Central Mills company near North and Mechanic streets, one by Frank Pratt on Everett street, one by C. W. Johnson on Chapin street, one by J. W. Robinson on the same street, one by Dr. Gauthier corner South and West streets. This list includes seventeen houses which were built last year, exclusive of Wm. Edwards Sons' coal sheds and several barns.

This year the indications are that the amount of building will be more than it was last season, and a number of structures are already under way. On South street J. Hodges is erecting two hot houses each 20x60, joined by a building 16x40. On the same street H. M. Fisk has staked out a residence and barn on the old circus grounds; Robert McGrath is building a dwelling house on Pleasant street, F. O. Letcher one on Morris street, John Lucia one on North street, Pascal Senecal one on the Charlton road A. M. Cheney has four houses under contract which will be built on Cisco street. A. A. Butterworth has built a shop on Main street on the old soap shop site, and R. H. Cole is building a new barn.

Hiram C. Wells has a house up on Chapin street.—Geo. W. Wells has bought the Hawkes house,and has contracted for a two tenement house.—Lucius Ammidown has contracted for a house near Alpha Cheney's.

The carpenters and builders are all busy and in good spirits at the prospect of better times, although there has never been much dullness here as compared with other places. Thirteen houses besides several smaller structures is not bad for beginning the building season.

CHURCHES OF SOUTHBRIDGE.

Episcopal. Advent.

NUMBER NINE. 1880

Our list of articles on the churches is will also grow as the [illegible] of the town has included all the regular organizations, having meeting houses. Other denominations have occasionally held services and had organizations which should be noticed to make the series complete. The most prominent is the Episcopal.

The first mission commenced in 1871, and services were first held in a small hall in Whitford block, and afterwards in the district court room in Ammidown block. Its principal supporters were the Grants, of the Columbian Co., Mrs. C. A. Dresser, and Mrs. Ammidown. The clergyman was the Rev. Mr. Spear; the choir was Mr. and Mrs. Thorp, Ashton Ashton, H. T. Grant, with Richard Gardner for organist. The death of prominent supporters and the continued stoppage of Sandersdale printworks rendered the attempt to establish a mission abortive, and its operations were suspended.

The second attempt was commenced a few years later, and had for its chief promoters Mrs. Vinton (now Mrs. Edwards,) Mrs. Mary Blair, the Grants, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Stedman and others. Its first meetings were held in the town hall. The Episcopal society was formed with Mrs. Mary Blair president, John Heald secretary, Henry Merrill treasurer. It rented and fitted up the hall now occupied by the Odd Fellows, and came very near being burned out by the fire that destroyed the Dresser block. The exertions together with exposure and anxiety endured at that time by Mrs. Blair, resulted in pneumonia which caused her death. During the existence of this mission Bishop B. Paddock held a visitation, and confirmed several persons. The following ladies and gentlemen rendered service as choir: Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, Miss Redding, Chas. Edmonds; also Mr. and Mrs. Tunnicliffe, Mrs. Spencer and Miss Kate Edwards. The Rev. B. T. Cooley of Grace church, Rochdale, was the officiating clergy. The death of Mrs. Blair and consequent unharmonious feeling caused the mission to suspend its operations once more.

The third attempt was commenced by a meeting Nov. 15, in Temple of Honor hall, attended by a good number of Episcopalians. It was determined to begin services at once, which were held for a short time in that hall, until arrangements were made for regular services in Dresser small hall, where they have been held ever since without interruption. The Rev. D. Estraing Jennings of Fiskdale officiates; in his absence Winfield S. Killon is licensed lay reader. The prospects of the mission are promising and money is subscribed to defray all expenses for the coming year. The holy Eucharist has been celebrated three times since Christmas with an average attendance of fourteen. The bishop's visitation will be made May 27.

Advent services have been held at intervals in the town hall and in the Dresser small hall. The number of Adventists in town is not large. We have been unable to get at any statistical information relative to this denomination. At times services have been held with much regularity for a considerable period. We believe there is no active organization in existence now.

May 19. **New Industries.** 1881

The JOURNAL last week alluded to the introduction of a new industry in this town. A stock company composed of C. A. Dresser, Rob't H. Cole, F. D. Dresser and Alfred Cole of Southbridge, and S. D. Keene of Providence, has been organized and acquired possession of the patent rights of Mr. Keene for a new and improved extractor for removing seed, leaf and other foreign matter from cotton and other fibrous material. This extractor does better work than other makes and is sold much less. It is simple in construction, durable as to manufacture, and not liable to get out of order. It is easily adjusted, requiring only a few moments of time without the stopping of machinery, and capable of adaptation to the various grades of cotton, as well as other material. The simple device is applicable to the various makes of cotton pickers, openers and lappers, and in its operation is not injurious to the staple.

The company already has a large number of orders ahead. It will be known as the Providence Extractor company, and will occupy the upper and unoccupied stories of the button shop on Mechanic street. Some thirty-five men will be employed at the start, and the number will be doubtless increased. The rooms have been put in readiness for occupancy by the Central Mills company and manufacturing operations will be begun at an early date.

The Boston *Journal of Commerce* says: "In 1845 there were in the United States four factories engaged in the manufacture of broadcloth. These were the Middlesex, of Lowell; the Northampton Woolen Co., of Northampton, the Hamilton Woolen Co., of Southbridge, and the Slater Woolen Co., of Webster."

Death of F. S. Merrit.

It is our sad duty to record this week one of the death of Southbridge's most prominent citizens, a man who was eminent in many respects and one whose career furnishes many lessons for those of us who are left on the stage of action. The sadness is, however, tempered by a knowledge of the fact that a body worn and distressed by nearly three years of suffering is now free from pain.

Franklin Smith Merrit, who died at his residence on Main street last Monday evening, was born in Charlton, June 16, 1824 and and hence was 54 years of age. When a young man he went to Boston—a poor boy in search of a living. He went to work for Linus B. Comins, a leather dealer and manufacturer, in a menial position and at very low wages. By dint of hard work and faithfulness young Merrit rose step by step, being promoted to positions of trust and responsibility. When his employer was elected to Congress Mr. Merrit had so risen in his confidence and esteem as to be selected as the person to have entire charge of the business. Afterwards Mr. M. purchased it of Mr. Comins and continued it till his death. Of late he has had partners, the firm name being F. S. Merrit & Co. The characteristics which elevated the young employee, enlarged and extended the business when he became proprietor, until Mr. Merrit amassed a large fortune and became one of the best known business men of Boston. He was at the time of his death a director in the Commonwealth insurance company and in the City national bank of Boston. He reached this honorable position by legitimate business, it being one of his rules to so conduct himself that no one should regret having had dealings with him; and hence a paragraph in last night's *Traveller* well says that he was not only one of the "best known," but that he was one of the "most respected business men of Boston."

But Mr. Merrit believed that it was not all of life to live a hard money-grasping existence; and while he did not belittle the advantages of money or the need of doing business carefully and intelligently, he was not encased in an iron jacket of greed of gain. He took great interest in politics and was one of the founders of the republican party in Massachusetts — being in his earlier years a co-worker and intimate friend of Chas. Sumner, Henry Wilson, Alanson Burlingame and others. Though a republican all his life was not a narrow partisan, but always took advanced and independent ground, even if it led him for the time away from the majority of the party. Though an influential political worker he was not an office seeker. Office frequently sought him, but he persistently refused to accept it, saying that office holding had been the ruin of too many men for him to dare to venture.

Mr. Merrit excelled for a warm heart and a liberal culture. He could detect evidences of talent and nothing pleased him more than to aid it when deserving. There are numerous instances where young singers and others have received very substantial aid from him in the prosecution of their studies, even to an opportunity to study in Europe. He was a great lover of music and art, and for years was chairman of the music committee of Dr. Putnam's society. He gave to many other charities with a liberal hand.

Socially he was one of the most pleasant men we ever met. Always genial, possessing a vast fund of information, and full of anecdotes—many of them of distinguished politicians, statesmen, actors and singers with whom he had been acquainted; very positive, but having the rare knack of being "amicably stubborn"—he was a man whose conversation was always a pleasure, an inspiration and a source of improvement.

He was a bachelor, and leaves two sisters—one of them the wife of Elbridge Ellis. His nearest relatives, have gently and tenderly nursed him during his protracted sickness, during which he has been confined to the house two years and a half. As a citizen, a merchant and a friend he filled the measure of duty fully, and his death will be sincerely mourned by a large circle who claim the honor to be counted among his friends.

The funeral took place this afternoon amid a driving snow storm from Mr. Merritt's late residence. In spite of the very unfavorable weather there were present a number of friends from Boston, including officers of the bank and insurance companies with which the deceased was connected, his business associates, the employes of the store and his pastor, Rev. Mr. Brooks. There were also present a number of town people to pay a last token of respect to one they loved. A quartet sang very sweetly "Thy will be done," and scripture selections were read by Rev. Mr. Brooks. The quartette then sang, "Nearer my God to Thee," after which Rev. B. V. Stevenson spoke briefly and feelingly, alluding to the great gain that had come to the departed in being removed from his physical pain. The speaker alluded fitly to the deceased's trust and faith in God, which made him patient through all his great sufferings; also to his remarkable unselfishness. He labored to get wealth that he might help the poor and needy.

There were a large number of floral decorations, among them a Maltese cross from St. Bernard Commandery of Knight Templars of which the deceased was a member, also a sheaf of wheat from La Fayette Lodge of Masons.

Kind Words Can Never Die.

The following are among the notices of the JOURNAL'S new volume:

The Southbridge JOURNAL, an excellent local paper, has just passed its twenty-fifth birthday.—*Boston Evening Record.*

Editor Whitaker commences this week the 25th volume of his excellent SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL. It is one of the most progressive of our exchanges.—*Framingham Tribune.*

Brother Whitaker's Southbridge JOURNAL commenced its 25th year last week, and did not appear to be growing very feeble in its advancing years.—*Palmer Journal.*

The SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL, an ably edited and carefully conducted family newspaper, commenced its 25th volume last week. The editor, George M. Whitaker, is independent in his journalistic work and aims to make his paper an influence for good. His efforts are ably seconded by his wife who edits the fourth page in "Woman's Interests." It is a welcome visitor at our table.—*Hudson Enterprise.*

The Southbridge JOURNAL entered upon its twenty-fifth volume last week under the most favorable conditions. Bro. Whitaker has conducted the JOURNAL for over fourteen years, and has exerted a power for good in Southbridge that no other means could have performed. We congratulate Bro. Whitaker on this event, and also his esteemed companion, Mrs. Allie E. Whitaker, who so ably edits "Woman's Interests,"—a very popular feature of the JOURNAL.—*Milton News.*

The SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL commences this week its initial number of the 25th volume under flourishing conditions. The JOURNAL is an excellent local paper, and we hope that both the JOURNAL and its editor may be long spared to greet us every Friday at our editorial desk. In his prospectus for the coming year he promises more earnestness in his work, and will introduce new features, and hopes thereby to win still greater favor at the hands of the citizens of Southbridge, to whose benefit he labors. These efforts ought to be appreciated and lead to a larger band of readers and to the pecuniary advantage to the editor. The local paper has but a limited field in which to work; and therefore needs all the sympathy and support a town like Southbridge or Webster can give its editors. —*Webster Times.*

Wilbur F. Hanson, formerly of this town, has received the degree of M. D. from Rush Medical college, Chicago, Illinois.

Southbridge Journal.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1885

Odd-Fellowship.

Southbridge lodge of Odd Fellows celebrated the 65th anniversary of the introduction of the order in the United States, at its rooms in Edwards block, last Saturday evening. There was a large gathering of Odd Fellows and their families. A pleasant program was provided and all had a good time. Noble Grand James Taylor presided, and in a few well-chosen words welcomed the company and alluded to some of the principles of the order. A quartet composed of the Misses Searles, J. F. B. Litchfield and E. W. Winter, sang finely two selections—"The whippoorwill's song" and "Sleep while the soft evening breezes." The Misses Searles and Mr. Litchfield also did themselves credit in a trio—"Oh, memory." Miss Florence D. Newhall sang very prettily "Kiss me as I fall asleep." Miss Carrie Butterworth read three selections—"The little hero," "Jamie" and "The Green Mountain justice." Miss Butterworth has unusual native talent, which has been well cultivated. It would not require a great exertion for her to appear to excellent advantages in the role of a professional.

At the conclusion of the literary and musical entertainment the company repaired to the banquet hall, where G. W. Faulkner had even outdone himself. When the good things had been sufficiently punished dancing and social intercours finished the program, the assembly breaking up at 11:45, having had a very agreeable time. The music for dancing was furnished by the Southbridge orchestra, Blanchard, prompter. "Sol" is getting a first-rate hold of the prompting business, and is up to any city "artist."

Concert of War Songs.

The Concert of War Songs last evening was a great success. The evening was pleasant, the company large, and the entertainment unique and satisfactory. The singing was excellent and well accompanied by the following instrumental artists: Miss J. A. Rice, piano; Augustus Cook, trombone; Sol. Blanchard, violin; J. B. Green, cornet; F. L. Geer, clarionet, and J. A. King, piccolo.

The character songs of Howard Martin and Ernest W. Winter were encored, as were Mr. Mellen's readings. C. S. Edmunds was conductor Among the audience were many from out of town. The solos and quartets were particularly well applauded.

Personal.

J. W. Walker is in town.

Mrs. Marvin Cheney is dangerously ill.

Thomas Ryan has been drawn as juryman.

John Airlie and wife sailed for Europe yesterday.

Joseph Williams, jr., will spend the summer in Springfield.

Rev. B. V. Stevenson's many friends were glad to greet him in town this week.

The National house in Fitchburg will soon pass into the management of John Adams and Joseph Jacques of this town.

The friends of Miss Nellie M. Walker will be glad to learn that she has so far recovered from her severe attack of rheumatism as to be able to walk a little.

Allen Clarke, formerly of this town, is head clerk in Sewall's pharmacy at Dorchester and a member of the class of '87 at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Avann will receive the deep sympathy of friends in this vicinity in the affliction which has come to the family by the death of their little son Willie from diptheria and the dangerous illness of Maud, from the same dread disease. The family had but recently moved to Waltham. The burial in Southbridge occurred Tuesday.

Mrs. B. S. Farrington of Woonsocket died Wednesday afternoon after great suffering from the results of a severe surgical operation, the second which she had recently undergone. The funeral services will be held in Woonsocket Saturday afternoon. Her maiden name was Mary E. Edwards. She leaves four brothers, William Edwards of Southbridge, George Edwards of Dudley, Mass., and Jacob and Pierrepont Edwards of Boston, besides a husband and four children, two sons and two daughters, the latter being Jacob E. Farrington of Providence, John B. of Wonsocket, Mrs. Etinne C. Delabarre and Mrs. J. R. Robertson. She was a very worthy woman, and leaves many friends to regret her loss.

Geo. M. Whitaker, who has made the SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL one of the best country weeklies in the state, has lately bought that old agricultural stand-by, the *New England Farmer*, which was established at Boston in 1822, and proposes to give it new life and vigor.—*Springfield Republican.*

The Methodist conference has given the ministerial appointments their annual shaking up. Rev. G. Beekman, who has preached most of the time in cities before coming to Southbridge, is returned to a metropolis, having a fine position in Boston in a new $20,000 church at the Highlands. W. J. Pomfret will come to Southbridge. He is highly recommended. Rev. C. E. Davis goes to the People's church in Boston, W. A. Nottage to Cochituate, J. C. Smith to Walpole, Wm. Silverthorne to Hubbardston. A very sad feature of the conference was the sudden death from heart disease of Rev. Wm. A. Braman. A correspondent writes:

It has been my sad privilege to attend the funeral services of Rev. Wm. A. Braman, at Trinity church Worcester. It was impossible for any one to be acquainted with him and not reap profit therefrom. He was one of God's noblemen; his ways were always agreeable, his advice sound, and the high order of his counsels, above mediocrity. His judgment of authors and his keen insight of human nature enabled him to be the best of authority in many things outside his parish work. In 1883 at Sterling camp ground, it was my privelige to listen to an exhortation from his lips that was the most gifted and powerful I ever heard. Multitudes were moved to tears, and many sought the mercy seat under the startlingly uttered truths and God-gifted oratory. Bro. Braman was a true christian with a spotless character. The friends of the various charges over which he has presided, will, I am sure join me in extending sympathy and consolation to his family in their great bereavement. If we emulate his christian life we shall meet over the river in the great hereafter, where sorrow and parting are unknown.

Geo. H. Hartwell graduated this week in the class of '86 from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. The commencement exercises took place Wednesday evening in Meionaon Hall, Boston. The subject of his thesis was, "Pharmacopoeial Preparations of Opium." The class was very highly complimented for the thorough work done and for its very high standing.

OBITUARY.

Harriet, wife of Rev. W. A. Braman, was born in Islip, L. I., March 8, 1825, and died in Worcester, Mass., June 11, 1880 Her father, Rev. Horace Bartlett of the New York conference, was for a while steward of Wesleyan university of Middletown, Conn., and it was during her residence here that she was united in marriage to Rev. W. A. Braman of the New England conference, a native of Pomfret, Conn., and at this time a resident of Belchertown, Mass. His father was also a Methodist minister. It may not be true that all marriages are made in heaven, but it certainly was true in this case. From the first their aims and purposes were one, and nothing was too great or too small for her to perform for her husband, and through all the thirty-six years of their itinerant life, with its many severe trials and hardships, her wifely love and devotion never for a moment faltered but seemed to glow with a sweeter and brighter lustre to the last. Mrs. Braman felt that her call was identical with that of her husband, and her heart was ever enlisted with his in every work for the advancement of the cause of the church. Indeed so heavily was she burdened at times that her physical strength broke beneath the weight and her over work for the church at their last field of labor was the means of hastening her death.

But with all her multiplied labors for the church she never neglected her family. Five children were born unto them, one died in childhood and four daughters live to mourn the loss of an affectionate mother, and to attest her many virtues.

During all her protracted and painful sickness she has never complained. At first she hoped to recover not so much from medical means, though she did not ignore them, as by prayer. She was greatly beloved by many ardent Christians and as was natural all prayed for her recovery, and she had great faith in prayer; and while she did not fear to die nor fear to be dead, she could hardly be reconciled to the fact that at the comparatively early age of fifty-five she must cease to labor for the Master. And it was not until she removed to Worcester in April last that she learned that it was the Master's will that she go home—that her work on earth was done. Though suffering untold agonies from the gnawing of an internal cancer, she calmly made known her wishes concerning her funeral and burial, and when in a conscious state, spoke of the one great theme that filled her soul—heaven and her glorified Saviour. Her funeral was held Monday the 14th inst., at her late residence on Quincey street in this city. The religious services were conducted by Rev. John A. Cass of Trinity M. E. church, assisted by Dr. L. R. Thayer, of Newton. Rev. Mr. Johnson of Grace church, Rev. J. Wagner of Coral street, Rev. Mr. Fenn of Webster square, Rev. Mr. Wilkie of Andover, and Superintendent Sanderson and Sunday school of Park street church, Lawrence, Mass., where Mrs. Braman had charge of the infant department for a year and a half. This friend and Christian brother brought a floral offering from his Sunday school; a beautiful anchor and costly bouquets were also received from Waltham and Saxonville. But altogether the most beautiful and costly floral offering was a pillow with "Mother" in purple letters in center, a present to the daughter from a sister of deceased—Mrs. Augustus Smith of New Haven, Ct., and a floral tablet to the husband with "55" upon it in purple. The remarks were very appropriate, and all the service comforting and instructive and most fitting to the memory of the departed. Trinity church choir sung with beautiful effect a favorite hymn of the departed, "Oh, for a faith that will not shrink," &c., and another, "We shall meet by and bye."

The Home Circle has fitted up in a very tasty manner commodious apartments in Union block, and is receiving a good membership. The meetings are held the 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

At the regular convocation of Doric chapter of Royal Arch Masons, on Monday evening, Feb. 18, the officers for the ensuing year were installed by Past High Priest P. T. Litchfield, as follows:

M. E. H. P.—Otis S. Brainard.
E. K.—George M. Lovell.
E. S.—Elisha M. Phillips.
Treas.—Charles W. Hill.
Sec.—Hiram C. Wells.
C. H.—Henry C. Cady.
P. S.—William H. Clarke.
R. A. C.—Joseph Fallows.
Chap.—Rev. Silvanus Hayward.
M. 3d V.—Franklin Jacobs.
M. 2d V.—Newton E. Putney.
M. 1st V.—Azel Thompson.
Tyler—Pliny T. Litchfield.

For nine successive years Companion P. T. Litchfield has served the chapter as high priest, and, in retiring from that position, returned his heartfelt thanks to the companions composing the chapter for the uniform courtesy shown him during the whole time of his service, and the generous assistance rendered him on all occasions. The chapter is to be congratulated upon its excellent corps of officers; the coming year is full of promise and hope that the unanimity which has distinguished it in the past will still prevail.

Jason Smith died at the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea last week Friday and the remains were forwarded to Southbridge, to the Grand Army post here that afternoon. They were buried Sunday morning, the impressive services of the Grand Army being performed at the grave.

Personal.

Dr. Bulfinch is in Washington.

Wm. C. Stedman has been in town this week.

We were glad to see A. W. Olds able to be out on the street Wednesday.

Oliver M. Mason has been in town this week visiting his mother and other relatives.

Rev. Mr. Giraux formerly from Southbridge and now at Keene, N. H., is visiting here.

Miss Burton, the efficient telegraphist, is at the post of duty after a two weeks' illness.

Miss Martha Plimpton, who has been residing in Charlestown of late, is spending a few days in town.

Rev. J. Payan, after a short visit in Southbridge and other places, started for his home in Sorel. Feb. 21st.

The *Temple Star*, the official organ of the Temple of Honor, founded by the publisher of the JOURNAL in 1875, and published by him for a number of years so as to win many and emphatic compliments, was recently sold to A. H. Lewis of the *East Boston Advocate*. At the session of the Supreme Council of the Temple of Honor—the highest department of the order, composed of delegates from the different states where the order is represented—held last month the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are herby tendered to P. G. W. T. Whitaker for the services rendered the order in the establishment of the *Star*, which for many years has afforded so much information and pleasure to our order, and he has our best wishes for his success in his chosen field of journalism.

The public library makes a better showing for January than for any month since it was opened; 1861 books were issued and 336 used in the library room, making a total of 2197.

Last Tuesday evening, after initiating one candidate and conferring the third degree upon another, quite a company of Odd Fellows sat down to a good oyster supper prepared by Geo. W. Faulkner at Odd Fellows hall.

At the annual meeting of the Southbridge Optical company held last month the following directors were elected: Wm. C. Barnes, B. U. Bugbee, F. Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs is president, and Mr. Bugbee is secretary and treasurer.

—Every one will want to attend the grand opening at the rink to-night.

Feb. 20 TELEPHONIC. 1880.

An Exchange in Southbridge,

THE BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS.

A few months ago the editor of the JOURNAL, reading in his exchanges of the introduction of telephones in other country towns, began to recommend this wonderful invention for Southbridge, and to investigate its working, practicability and desirability for small towns. As a result of this work and the acquaintances formed, a company has been organized known as the Southbridge Telephone exchange. This was intimated in the JOURNAL of last week. But all the preliminary formalities had not then been finished. This company has procured the right and been licensed by the National Bell Telephone company to use all its inventions and appliances in Southbridge and to connect any patrons within a radius of five miles from the town house. The headquarters of the company will be at the JOURNAL office where full explanations as to details will be given those who are interested. The company will be locally represented by Chas. W. Weld and Geo. M. Whitaker as business agent and manager, who are prepared to make contracts for constructing wires and subletting telephones, transmitters, etc.

THE FIRST WIRE.

As soon as the necessary licenses were "signed, sealed and delivered," the Exchange began the construction of a line between the two ends of the village, in order to show practically the advantages of the telephone. And before the public was fully aware of what was going on the work was almost finished. It is now completed and is working satisfactorily. J. & W. Booth and J. S. Gleason are at one end and the JOURNAL office at the other. Persons having business with either of the first named business houses can talk with them personally at the JOURNAL office; and any one having an item of news, or an order for job printing, or advertising, can send it to us from either of the above named stores.

AN EXCHANGE

will follow as soon as a sufficient number of persons wish to use the telephone. The wires to the different localities will all centre at the JOURNAL office where a switch board will be located and a customer on one wire can be placed in communication with any one on another. In time, doubtless, all the mills, principal stores and offices, physicians, and many residences will be connected.

The greater number of persons there are who use the telephone the better it will be for all, because the more there will be that each one can talk with. For this reason a Telephone Exchange is a mutual affair that should receive the careful consideration of every one.

As the system becomes better known the advantages will be more apparent. And what seems to many now as a sort of luxury will become a business necessity.

SPECIAL ADVANTAGES

and facilities will grow out of the Exchange system, in addition to those that appear at first sight. Not only will it be a great advantage many times to communicate with persons in another part of the town, but the town, by becoming a subscriber to the Exchange, can have a better fire alarm than any other system can possibly give, and at less cost. The telephone alarm will be sounded in the most desirable places; it will tell just what building is on fire, give all particulars and transmit orders from the engineers to the different engine houses or companies. The town will have to pay nothing for the plant, will have no care and responsibility in repairs, and will have to pay an annual rental of less than the cost of maintaining a fire alarm system.

Again, an opportunity is afforded individuals to hear sermons. The Exchange is prepared to construct wires from any of the churches to the rooms of those who wish to hear the sermon at home.

Further, the company that is constructing the line from Boston to Springfield—the work from Boston to Worcester is about completed—is considering the matter of looping a wire down to Southbridge, to connect the Exchange here with those cities, which may possibly be constructed during the season, if there is prospect of sufficient business.

OPENING THE LINE FOR BUSINESS.

Last evening the wires were connected with telephones and call-bells so as to make the circuit complete between the JOURNAL office and the residence of Editor Whitaker. Several gentlemen gathered at each place and conversation, singing and whistling was plainly heard between the two places. This forenoon the line was connected through and many interested persons have called at the different stations to see the working of this local novelty.

—The Rev. G. Beekman exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Richardson of Warren last Sunday.

Feb 27 **Obituary.** 1880

One of the brightest minds that it has ever been our privilege to meet, departed this life last Monday afternoon, in the death of Harry C. Winter. On account of early sickness and deformity he received only a limited school education; but his ambition, persistence and natural mental clearness were such that, in spite of frail constitution, he became unusually well informed and acquired a fine literary taste. He took much interest in local and political affairs and was very ambitious to be a journalist. In 1879 he entered the JOURNAL office as assitant editor, and remained for over a year—until the condition of his health precluded his being confined to regular hours and routine. Since that time he has done much work for these columns. The copying and epitomizing of the town records was his work, as were other special articles, and occasional reports of meetings where extra reportorial service was required. In order to further perfect himself for journalism he studied stenography, largely in spare moments, and when his health prevented his attention to more vigorous work, and sometimes came to the office for a few hours at a time to write correspondence and editorial matter from dictation.

Such labors brought him into frequent contact with the writer of this, which ripened into an intimacy, and our respective work and plans were frequently talked over and discussed with each other. It was sometimes sad to hear him cheerily and ambitiously build air-castles which would require a rugged physique to make real; in all his thoughts and plans he never considered his own strength, but was always happy and cheerful—we never knew him to have a despondent moment.

Though his life was short, numbered by years, he leaves behind a record of untarnished life, high ideals, unselfishness, cheerfulness with a frail body, and determination to make the most of himself, which should be a great satisfaction to his friends, and a good pattern to every one.

Mrs. P. T. Litchfield, Miss Fanny Plimpton, H. T. Hyde's daughters Jessie and Genevive and Miss Martha Cutting started for Falmouth Heights this morning. Next week Mrs. H. T. Hyde with her youngest children will follow. June 1885

faith in final success gave him a confidence that no rebuff could shake. So in the hottest fury of battle he never faltered or feared the result. When an advance was made it was to weaken and demoralize the foe.

What a glorious and proud day was it for that stern, silent general riding in the worn garb of a soldier to receive the surrender of the rebel hosts. What thoughts, what emotions stirred his soul as he saw peace restored and the union saved. Picture to yourself the glory of Wellington, Napoleon, Frederick the Great, or of Cæsar, and tell me if this simple American has aught for which to blush when mentioned in the annals of war. His fame is the common heritage of the whole American people. Coming generations will never cease to honor his name, and the patriotic hearts of unborn millions will swell with pride at the mention of the name of U. S. Grant.

A. H. WHEELER

spoke earnestly and forcibly as a soldier who had served under General Grant. Alluding to the epigram, circumstances make the man, he said that there must be something to make a man of, and compared Grant with Pope. He also told of instances that had come under his observation of Grant's love for his soldiers and sympathy for the wounded. There was in Grant everything that makes a man great. His death is an irreparable loss to the nation, but the members of the G. A. R. lose a comrade and a brother.

REV. SILVANUS HAYWARD

alluded to Grant's elements of greatness. The first that was noticed was his firmness. A great mind, like a pyramid, rests its conclusions on a foundation so broad as to be immovable. To Grant, beyond all others, was due the success of the war and which followed the war, it being largely attributable to his firmness. As a man who will face lions sometimes quails before gnats, so he had in a measure to yield to the party reptiles demanding power.

Grants second element of greatness was his quickness of action. He did what the enemy least expected, but was never surprised himself, having a grasp of mind to get and keep all the details of his own and the enemies' armies.

Bravery—a peculiar calmness and intrepidity—was another marked characteristic of Grant which did not desert him even in his last suffering.

Reticence was another element of Grant's greatness. Great men are always calm and self-poised, never talkative. As a result when he spoke it was to say something, and some of his aphorisms have never been equalled since the days of Solomon.

Other points noticed were, his generosity toward the conquered foe (he has no sincerer mourners than many who fought against him), simplicity, (none of the pompous egotism that marks small men in large places,) trust in his fellow-men and modesty. The speaker thought it was fitting that the hero's remains should be buried near the great metropolis, the business centre of the nation, rather than its nominal or political centre.

REV. W. J. POMFRET

spoke of Grant's christian character, noticing in turn his pureness of life and speech, his kindness to army chaplains, his attendance upon church and regard for the Sabbath, his honesty and sincerity and his Christian hope.

MRS. H. N. CARPENTER

sang with good effect and the exercises were closed with the G. A. R. service. Everything passed off very acceptably and satisfactory. The different speakers were earnest and forcible, holding the close attention of the audience. A cannon salute was fired at the conclusion of the meeting in the hall.

Below is a complete roster of the fire department for the ensuing year, furnished us by the clerk of the board of engineers:

Chief Engineer—Calvin Claflin.
1st Assistant and Clerk—A. H. Cozzens.
2d Assistant—Bradford Stone.
3d Assistant—J. W. Robinson.
4th Assistant—M. Eagan.

Steamer No. 1.—John S. Williams Foreman; David A. Reeves, assistant foreman; Chas. P. Phipps, clerk; James Marble, Eugene Comstock, Robert Moore, W. S. Felton, Jos. E. Williams, A. E. Morton, Jos. Bebo, C. H. Pellett, A. E. Buell, E. L. Gay Sub,; Jos. Fallows, engineer; assistant engineer and steward of Central street engine house, Frank Cady; stoker, Geo. Bartlett.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.—G. V. Moulton, foreman; M. L. Dillaber, assistant foreman; J. W. Boak, clerk; E. A. Brown, A. M. Higgins, C. Stone, J. Stone, L. Duquette, P. Duquette, A. Clark; R. F. Herron and W. E. Northrop, Subs.

Steamer No. 2.—A. L. McComber, foreman; Luke Reily, assistant foreman; John C. Barnes, clerk; Fred Fisk, George W. Upham, George H. Thayer, Thomas Burns, Moses Marchesault, James Holden, William Bartlett, John Parker, Frank Sevory; Andrew Simpson, engineer; assistant engineer, George Simpson; stoker, James Ryan.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2.—John Splaine, foreman; John J. Ryan, assistant foreman; Edward Hogan, clerk; Thomas Ryan, John Cuddihy, William Kennedy, Thomas Shea, Patrick Ward, Edward Splaine; Michael Breen, steward of Main street engine house.

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Worcester South Trotting Park. 1/87

Some four or five hundred people assembled at the above grounds at Sturbridge, on the Fourth, to witness the various sports provided for their entertainment. Manager Darling had announced a varied program, to celebrate the day, and it seemed to be well enjoyed by the lovers of sport assembled at the park.

The first event was a base ball match for $100 a side, between the Unas of Webster and Huguenots of North Oxford, which was won by the latter with a score of 8 to 2, J. Beauregard, H. Sherlock, and F. Gilmore showing some excellent playing during the game.

Second on the list was the bicycle race for amateurs, one-half mile, the prizes being a silver medal for first, and silver cup for second. But two contestants entered for the race—Geo. W. Mathewson of Brookfield, and John Taylor of Southbridge. On the start being given Mathewson took the lead and won easily in 1 minute, 45 seconds. The second heat was also won by Mathewson in 1 minute, 55 seconds, Taylor coming in two seconds behind. Both contestants showed in excellent form and received well deserved applause for their performance.

The event of the day, the horse trot, came next in order, and brought out a good field, six entrees appearing on the tract to contest in the three minute class. Messrs. Theodore Harrington, Thomas Blanchard, and Samuel Perry, acted as starter and judges, and an arduous duty they had to perform, six heats having to be run to decide the race, which resulted as follows:

3.00 CLASS. PURSE $100.

Lady Richwood,	-	2	5	2	1	2 2
Wild Irishman,	-	4	3	4	5	5 -
Lady Vinton,	-	3	1	3	2	1 1
Brown Dick,	-	5	4	5	5	- -
Live Oak,	-	1	2	1	3	3 3
Troublesome,	-	Disabled.				

In the 2:30 class, purse $175, there were three entries, Skyball, Br. G. Johnny, and Br. Johnny, the latter winning in three straight heats. Time 2:38¼, 2:37, 2:36¼.

The American band of Fiskdale, furnished excellent music during the day, and the refreshment booths, under the able management of Geo. Sykes, of Fiskdale, were well patronized, the day's sport coming to a conclusion about 6:30. July 1884

Tuesday last being St. John's day, was observed by special service at the Notre Dame church. The Societe St. Jean le Baptiste attended in a body, accompanied by the Cadet band.

Obituary.

Died in Southbridge, March 31, 1879, Dr. Schuyler Whitney, aged 72 years 6 months and 22 days.

Died in Southbridge, April 26, 1879, Sally, wife of Dr. S. Whitney, aged 72 years 6 months and 20 days.

"A whole family gone":—such was the remark made by a relative after the funeral of Mrs. Whitney, although only the two persons named above comprised the family. The thought brings sadness especially to the narrowing circle of near friends and relatives of Dr. and Mrs. W. And to those who were permitted to know them most intimately—to enjoy their hospitality, and to know their home life, their loss will be most keenly felt.

Schuyler Whitney was born in Woodstock, Conn., Sept. 9, 1807; was son of James. His early life until 18 years of age was spent on the farm with his oldest brother, until he learned the trade of cabinet-maker in the town of Millbury, Mass. In the year 1828 he married Sally, daughter of Comins Litchfield of Charlton, and they immediately settled in Oxford, where he carried on the cabinet-making business until about the year 1834, when they moved to Wilkinsonville in the town of Sutton, where he engaged in the shuttle-making business in its various branches.

In April, 1843, they moved to Southbridge, where he associated himself with his brothers-in-law—Pliny, Festus, Leroy and Libya Litchfield—in the manufacture of shuttles.

In the early part of the year 1862, being somewhat broken down in health and desiring to retire from the cares and labors of business, Mr. Whitney sold his interest to Liberty, Festus and Libya Litchfield, and removed to the center of the town, where he took immediate steps to build a house, where he resided until his death. After he had completed his residence he entered upon the practice of medicine under the school of homeopathy, to which he had for several years given much thought and study, and was widely known as a careful, conscientious and sympathetic physician and friend equally attentive and considerate to those in the humble walks of life as to those in more favored circumstances.

In the death of these two persons not only the near relatives and friends feel that the dearest ties are sundered, but their large circle of acquaintances will feel that they too sustain a great loss.

Though they were not demonstrative in a way to carry on the most active duties, yet the quiet influence of consistent, Christian lives will be seriously felt by the church (of which they were faithful members) and the Christian community.

Though never blessed with children they ever showed great fondness for the children of others, and never failed to quickly win their way to the affections of little ones.

For several years Dr. W. has suffered with an affection of the heart, which was the more direct cause of his death.

On the 24th of last October occurred the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, but they were both too sick to allow of celebrating the event in a fitting manner. Many of their friends, however, made a brief call upon them, leaving tokens of love as reminders of an occasion that occurs in the life of but few.

Hamilton Woolen Co's Print Works.

The number of employees now out of work owing to the shut down of the Hamilton Woolen Co's. print works is nearly two-hundred. Nov. 5. 1881

Should the works be stopped for any length of time, the town will probably lose, by removal, many worthy citizens, who by a long residence in town have become identified with the growth and prosperity of the place. Very many of them occupy prominent positions in the social, religious and political affairs of the town and the loss, by their removal should it occur, would be a severe one. It is sincerely hoped that the town will not lose one of the recent employees of the concern, but that we may see the works soon start again. Among the leading workmen of the works are John Hall, the assistant superintendent; he is a very affable and kind hearted man and is extremely well liked by the men who have worked under him. He is a real estate owner and resides of South street. James West has resided in this town for the past fifteen years. He is the foreman of the sketch making room, and is a man of fine scholarly attainments and refined inclination. James Paton who has charge of the color and chemical department of the establishment has resided here since his early childhood. He has the reputation among color mixers of being one of the most finished workmen in his line in the country. Mr. Paton like Mr. West is not a real estate owner. He is a man of most decided opinions, and takes considerable interest in political questions. He was formerly a stalwart republican but for the past two years has kicked most furiously in the traces. Wm. Campbell is one of the sketch makers and is called a thorough workman. He is a most welcome guest at all social gatherings in the town, being a leading member of the Southbridge rod and gun club president of the local lawn tennis club and an expert amateur photographer. The other sketch makers are John Taylor who is considered one of the most-valued young men in the Y. M. C. A. and the Union church, and Wm. McKee who is just out of his apprentice-ship, having learned the trade here. C. W. Hall who is now taking a tour of Europe is the oldest son of the superentendent, and is highly esteemed by all who know him. He was connected with the color department. The engraving room is in charge of James Taylor, a citizen of inestimable worth being an outspoken advocate of all that is worthy of commendation. He and his family are a bulwark in the Union church. His son, William, is a member of the junior class in Yale college. Geo. Wilson, Robert McGowan and Wm. Wright are also engravers and respected members of the community. John Airlie is prominent in social and religious circles in town. Henry Whitaker has charge of the machine room. He is a resident of of this town many years and has the reputation of being an excellent workman. There were five printing machines in operation when the works shut down. The various printers being Joseph Udel a native, we think of this town. James Blaine jr., Jas. Borden, Joseph Holden and Henry Whitaker jr. of there Messers Blaine and Holden have gone to Magog, Canada, and Mr. Borden to North Adams to work. The "White" room is under the supervision of Thomas Kearns one of the most prominent Irish citizen. He has resided here many years and owns a fine piece of property on the Westville road. James F. Blaine, sr. is the foreman of the finishing room. He is the owner of his residence on Water street, besides several housas on Main street. He is a man of thrift and industry and both he and his family are highly respected by the whole community. Patrick Mullen who has charge of the dyeing department has resided in town for the past twenty years. He is a hail fellow well met, general and social with all. He is one of the councillors of the local democracy and, if we mistake not, has never been known to kick in the party traces. The calico bleach room is in charge of Thomas Mullen, a quiet man but one who possesses good judgment and sound sense. Geo. Wilcox who has charge of the delaine room has lived in town for many years. He is an honest, and industrious man one who enjoys the utmost respect of all who

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Parker are taking a trip up the Hudson and through the Catskills. Sept. 11, 1885

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Carter of Millbury, have been visiting the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Dresser.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wellington of Webster and Mrs. W. E. Wheelock have been in town the past week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kilton.

Frank H. Geer, formerly of Southbridge, and now of Woonsocket, is meeting with good success as a teacher of the piano and organ. He has at present a class of thirty.—*Reporter*, 3d.

Lathrop L. Bullock of San Francisco, a son of the late Sheriff Bullock of Sturbridge, has been in town this week. He left Boston for San Francisco in 1848 and had not seen Southbridge for 40 years. He was both pleased and astonished at the growth of the place.

Among former residents, whom we noticed at the dedication of the Congregational church, were Mrs. W. ... H. Grant of Providence, Mrs. Jas. Parker of Holliston, Mr. and Mrs. Eddy of Webster, John Danielson of Providence, James Ames of Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Wall of Worcester, Mr. Lane of Ware, Miss Lillian Cooke of Boston, Mrs. H. W. Jackson of Worcester, and others. Sept 11, 1885

Patrick Duffy, for many years a resident of Southbridge, and for a time of the firm of Duffy & Lewis, died last Sunday at his home in Peabody of consumption. The Peabody *Press* says: "Mr. Duffy has been in poor health for several months, and unable to attend to his business. During his brief stay here he made many friends, being a warm hearted and generous man. He was about 45 years of age and leaves a widow and five children."

Noticeable among the noble army of ladies, that attended the dedication of the new church, was the face of Mrs. Adams of Woodville, and formerly of Southbridge. Old residents will remember her as wife of Geo. F. Adams the genial messenger for the Adams Express Company some dozen years ago, and since that time in the postal service from Boston to Albany. She made a flying visit to Charlton City, *en route* for Southbridge, stopping with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Newton. Old Father time seems to have been dealing kindly with them, as they seem to carry their age as well as their flesh nobly, the two together tipping the beam on the hay scales at 450 avoirdupois. Long may they live and may their shadows never be less. Sept 11, 1885 s.

Improvements at the Gas Works.

The gas company has for about two weeks been using a new appliance for improving the quantity and quality of gas manufactured by them. The gas is forced through the pipes about town by means of weights placed upon the gasometer. Heretofore these weights have been removed each morning so that the gas being manufactured could flow from the retorts into the gasometer for storage till evening; hence gas could be made only during the day when none was needed about town. The increased consumption had so drawn upon the capacity of the works that it was impossible in the short winter days to make enough gas to last during the long evenings, especially during the holidays when the stores are more brilliantly lighted. Recently a four horse boiler has been placed in the gas works and a spray of steam is driven into the pipe leading from the retorts to the gasometer, which, acting somewhat on the principal of the atomizer and the boiler injector, forces the gas into the gasometer against the pressure of the weights. Accordingly the retorts can be kept running night and day if necessary. This simple arrangement virtually doubles the capacity of the works. But by drawing the gas from the retorts more quickly its burning or the forming of lamp black is prevented, and besides the steam helps to wash the gas more perfectly—so that an improved quality results in addition to the increased quan...

In connection with the apparatus here is a very ingenious automatic regulator to the steam blast, which allows just the right quantity to flow from the boiler into the gas pipe. Dec. 1882

Thomas Slattery, of Melrose, has been visiting his brother Edward Slattery of this place. June 188...

J. J. Murray, formerly of the JOURNAL now of Providence, is spending his vacation at home.

Mrs. Carpenter, Miss Stone and Mr. Rowley won many compliments at the Nichols' academy commencement.

W. D. Ripley, late general manager of the Senora railroad, New Mexico, with his family, have been visiting A. B. Goodier.

Southbridge was represented by Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Paige at the Art exhibition connected with the New England conservatory Tuesday night.

Wm. A. Gardner, M.A., of J. H. Pray, Sons & Co., Boston's largest carpet house, was in town Sunday, visiting his college classmate, Chas. Haggerty.

Oct. 20 **Litchfield—Searles.** 1886. 141

The marriage ceremony of Liberty W. Litchfield and Miss Mattie S. Searles took place yesterday afternoon at two o'clock at the residence of the bride's father, Alexander Searles, on Hamilton street. The company in attendance comprised the nearest relatives of both bride and bridegroom, with Rev. Silvanus Hayward officiating. J. F. B. Litchfield acted as groomsman, Miss Minnie E. Searles as bridesmaid and Herman T. Hyde as master of ceremonies. The services being completed the company repaired to the dining room and partook of a bountiful dinner. At four o'clock the happy couple left for Boston via Charlton Depot.

The wedding presents, both numerous and costly, comprised silver ware, china ware, paintings engravings, gold coins, household furnishings and a Rogers's group, "The tap at the window," from the choir of the Union church, of which the bride is leading contralto. Mr. and Mrs. Litchfield are expecting to be absent about one week.

Oct. 20 **Terrible Accident.** 188...

Shortly after eight o'clock yesterday morning as J. & J. Mann's milk wagon, from Charlton, was standing on Central street near the residence of Thos. Potter the horse took fright from the placing of a ladder against a lamp post by Lamplighter Barrett. The animal reared and started across the street, striking a stone post in front of Frank Cady's house. Julius C. Parent, a young lad ten years of age, was in the wagon at the time but was of course unable to hold him. The shock threw young Parent out and down between the foot board and cross bars. The horse kept on with the boy in this precarious condition, striking another post with sufficient force to break it, breaking all the wheels and letting the body down upon the sidewalk. Both of the boy's legs became entangled in the ruins, terribly breaking and lacerating them both. Kind hands immediately conveyed the unfortunate lad to a nearby residence, and summoned physicians. Dr. Bulfinch, assisted by Drs. Morasse, Allen and Genereux, upon examination found the left leg in such a bad condition that amputation about four inches below the knee was necessary; the right leg was set and bandaged and will most likely knit together. The meeting between mother and son was very affecting, he retaining consciousness until being etherized. The horse kept on, running into Marble's new market wagon, bending the axle nearly double without injuring the body or wheels, thence to Main street where he threw himself on the sidewalk in front of Carpenter & Co's, being caught by M. M. Marble. Dr. Bulfinch reports the lad as passing a comfortable night and doing well.

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Obituary.

Thos. Whitaker, a former resident of the town and well known in this vicinity, died at his residence in Needham last Sabbath afternoon. He was born in Bingley, York county, England, in October, 1816, and came to Southbridge in 1846, residing here till 1868, when he removed to Needham, where he has since lived. But although business interests compelled him to make his home elsewhere he always retained a deep love and regard for this town which he considered a model in many respects.

He was a man of more than ordinary ability. Coming to this country without money, friends or influence, and with one-half of his life already passed, he raised himself to comfortable circumstances and a position of honor and influence. At the same time he brought up a family of five boys who survive him, giving all a good education and two of them collegiate advantages. He began life at the bench as a wool sorter; but by strict attention to business, thoroughness, and the habit of improving his spare time in study, he rose to fill responsible positions in large business houses. As physical infirmities crept over him he declined further engagements of this nature and devoted himself exclusively to agriculture. He had early showed a taste for newspaper writing, and articles from his pen on wool and sheep, published in these columns many years since, attracted considerable notice; as a result he became an occasional contributor of articles on his specialty and agriculture in general to the *U. S. Economist*, *Weekly Tribune*, *N. E. Farmer* and other papers. When he gave up active business he devoted more time than ever to this kind of work and became agricultural editor of the *American Cultivator*, a position he had held two years at the time of his death.

He possessed such a rugged individuality, independence and self reliance, and such an utter contempt of sham and disregard of policy, as to make it impossible for him to be a popular man in the general sense of the term, and often to make him his own worst enemy for preferment. But his convictions were usually right and always earnestly maintained. He was one of the earliest republicans coming into the party from the abolitionists. He did much for the causes of temperance and education while living in Southbridge, and at the funeral service at Needham his pastor Rev. Mr. Green feelingly referred to him as a valuable citizen of that place whose death was a loss to the whole town. During the last years of his residence here he was an active member of the Union church, but he ever held principle above creed and detested a narrow subservience to the husks of dogma. The funeral services here were held Tuesday afternoon. Rev. M. L. Richardson of Sturbridge, a former pastor of the deceased was expected to officiate but other engagements prevented, and Rev. S. Hayward the present pastor of the Union church took his place. Mr. Richardson sent a letter which was read expressive of his kind regard of the deceased and alluding in emphatic terms to his integrity, independence and religious convictions; also to his value to society as a positive worker for the good and true.

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The Sewage Question.

A little over a year ago Civil Engineer Moore made a survey for a system of sewage for a central portion of the town, which was published in full in these columns, but owing to some changes having been made, another survey with estimates has been made which we give in full, as also the approval of the city engineer of Springfield who examined the plan:

To A. H. Wheeler, W. D. Morse, and P. T. Litchfield, Selectmen of the town of Southbridge, Mass:

Gentlemen:—In May 1883 I examined a line for a storm water sewer for your town, the result is embodied in the report of that date.

The laying out of Chapin street in June, 1883, opened a more direct course, of which a survey has been made and is included in the following report.

This line reduces the line of May, 1883, several feet. It avoids all danger to the foundation of any building and the necessity of providing against that danger. It brings the sewer from Main street southerly on a town way and for two hundred f[illegible] northerly from Main street it is over a wide private way.

That some means are necessary to protect the health of your town, which must suffer if the existing condition of Central brook is not removed, must be apparent to all.

That the soil along this brook is already polluted to a dangerous degree by soakage from cesspools, stables, refuse, and ill-constructed vaults, all who have examined it are agreed.

The plan that will take the water of the brook, the street and surface drainage, with what household waste that must be provided for and remove it quickly from the village by some covered channel, would seem to be the best.

The Quinebaug river as the natural and most accessible outlet for the drainage of your town is considered the proper channel to further remove from immediate harm all sewage matter, that would find an outlet by this drain.

The size and form of a sewer that would be required for that part of your town now drained by the brook has received attention in previous reports, and need not be repeated here.

From recent observations I should recommend an ovi-form or egg-shaped sewer of 36in. diameter of upper arc, and a vertical diameter of 46in., as ample to take away the water that would find its way into this channel after heavy rains.

It is evident that one of much smaller size would meet all ordinary demands.

The one here recommended could be depended on, with the available grade, to drain an area of 300 to 350 acres of ordinary water-shed in heavy rain falls.

The line is shown on plan No. 1, accompanying this report, by a dark red line. I would recommend that a brick sewer with 4in. or single ring of brick of the size given, and shown on section plan attached to this report, be commenced near the rail road and carried to a point 25 feet from the north line of Main street, marked 700 on plan No. 1, and from that point a brick sewer with double ring or 8in. walls, be built across Main and through Chapin street to the brook; that a 12in. pipe be laid in Main as far as Elm street; that four manholes be provided at places shown on the plan; that branches and pipe connections be provided where they will be needed for street basins, etc.; that the whole be on the grade shown on plans No. 2 and 3; that the present bed of the brook from the end of the brick sewer to the penstock, be smoothed and walled in to 4½ feet in width by 3½ feet in depth and covered over. The penstock over the Central Mills canal should be repaired and covered and a hinged cover be made for the outer end and a broader and clearer channel be dug to the river.

The estimation is for:

700 lineal feet 4in. wall brick sewer at $1.50,	$1,050 00
500 lineal feet 8in. wall brick sewer at $3.30,	1,650 00
9600 feet, 2x4, for cradle, at $16.00,	153 60
500 lineal feet, trenching and filling, at $1.62,	810 00
700 lineal feet, trenching and filling at $1.20,	840 00
330 lineal feet 12in. pipe and laying the same, at 60c,	198 00
200 lineal feet 8in. pipe and laying the same, at 35c,	70 00
530 lineal feet, trenching and backfilling, at 60c,	318 00
210 lineal feet stone culvert and covering,	526 00
Penstock and channel,	75 00
Contingencies,	550 00
2 manholes complete, at $55,	110 00
2 manholes complete, at $75,	150 00
	$6,500 00

About 170 bricks will be required to complete the sewer.

The rock to be found in the trench can not be exactly estimated, but judging from the best data obtainable the estimate will be ample.

For ventilating the sewer perforated manhole covers are to be recommended rather than untraped connections with leaders from the roofs of convenient buildings, as these can not be available for ventilators where most needed for that purpose, that is in heavy rainfalls.

The street basins should be properly trapped and be of sufficient depth to catch and retain the refuse and sand that must be flushed into them during rains, especially from unpaved streets.

The present street basins can be easily remodelled and connected at a moderate outlay.

Obituary.—Historical.

Before last week's JOURNAL announcing the favorable condition of Capt. Oliver Mason had gone to press, he had breathed his last, although the fact had not been communicated to us. In this very sudden death the town has lost a good citizen, the Congregational church a worthy and consistent member, and another link has been broken which connected the present and past generations. Capt. Mason belonged to one of the old and leading families of the town which has always been prominently identified with its progress. His great grandfather, Jonathan Mason, came from Medfield and received the gift of sixty acres of land for building a house and settling. This house was one of the first built in Sturbridge, and was one of the complement required by the legislature before it would incorporate that town. Nothing particular is known of Jonathan or his ancestry. His son, Abel Mason, Sen., was one of the early agitators and workers for the organization of the town of Southbridge. He was the treasurer of the first poll parish organization, and afterward headed the petition to the legislature for the new town. He was one of a committee to obtain a more correct survey of the parish; and was also chairman of a committee chosen to consider and report some name for the new town. The committee reported Southbridge. Before this he had been in the revolution two years and in the French war one campaign. Col. Davis in his historical sketches has the following:

Mr. Mason was one of the strong men of the revolution. He held the command of captain. Those under him always spoke of him in terms of love and high respect. Whenever Capt. Mason led the way, all would cheerfully follow. He was, in every respect, the man of those times, and for all other times. He was extensively engaged as a farmer during life, and always exerted a good influence around him. Gen. Brooks, when elevated to the executive chair, remembered his old companion in arms, and, unsolicited by any one, sent Capt. Mason a commission of justice of the peace. A consistent and decided Christian character, crowned his other sterling virtues. Were such qualifications essential recommendations for public trusts, at the present day, public affairs would present a very different aspect. With plain, unassuming, and agreeable manners, were united firmness and a sound judgment. Capt. Mason was in person tall, and well proportioned.

Abel Mason, Jr., continued to reside on the old homestead and was in his day a more than average man. He was a militia captain, and held several town offices. He was also twice sent to the legislature.—There had appeared in town for some years another family of Masons—unrelated so far as is known to the first mentioned. Capt. Abel Mason, Jr., allied himself with this family by marriage, Oliver Mason, the subject of this sketch, being one of his children. He was the representative of the fourth generation on the old home place which has been handed down from father to son from the time of the first settler. A new house has been built near the site of the original one, (which, however, was left standing till quite a recent date) and large additions have been made, by purchase, to the original sixty acres. Oliver—who had also been a militia captain—had those sterling qualities of mind which had distinguished his ancestors, and was like them a marked man in the community. Though unambitious, his good judgment and integrity often called him to serve the public as selectman, assessor, highway surveyor, school committee, or on important committees. His consistent Christian character and benevolence won him the love of his co-workers in the church and the profound respect of the whole community, which was saddened at his demise. He also had a considerable local repute as a successful veterinarian. In politics he always acted with the whigs and republicans.

The funeral services took place at the South church last Sabbath, and were very largely attended, the auditorium being crowded with citizens, friends and relatives. A very able and impressive sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Danielson.

It has been known here for some time that A. H. Wheeler of this town could have the democratic nomination for county sheriff if he wanted it and that considerable pressure was being brought to induce him to allow the use of his name for that position. Mr. Wheeler is a member of the board of selectmen and of the democratic state central committee. He was elected to the board several terms while the town was republican. He is a soldier and a member of the G. A. R. having served four years as a member of the 11th Connecticut regiment. Besides others, he participated in the battles of Newburne, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Cold Harbor. When Mr. Wheeler first came to town he worked as an operative for the Hamilton Woolen company. Later he engaged in the dry goods and clothing business as a member of the firm of Bugee and Wheeler. He is an intense and "offensive" partisan, but otherwise has made a very acceptable official and is a good business man. Oct. '86

Improvements about Town.

Highland street is being extended.

Curbing has been drawn for sidewalk on Hock street.

The residence of I. P. Hyde is nearly ready for occupancy.

Repairs have been recently made on the Shuttle shop dam.

Eben Ammidown has completed the extension to his barn.

A new railing has been put on the bridge on North street.

The residence of J. J. Oakes is being painted in tasteful colors.

Repairs are being made at the Abiel Pratt place on Elm street.

Carey's block on Pleasant street is being repainted by Mr. Egan.

Another portion of the old part of Oak ridge cemetery has been graded.

The Litchfield shuttle company have made some repairs on their shop.

The residence of Mrs. L. Cutler on Chapin street has been repainted.

Frank Bonnette has made improvements about his residence on South street.

A new house has been laid out and foundation finished by Albert Belknap on South street.

Chas. Williams' new house on Chapin street is nearing completion and is of a pretty design.

M. Lachapelle has torn down the old barn on Morris street and built a new one near by.

Remi Supernant has improved his premises on Mill street by building a much needed bank wall.

The extensive job of grading the grounds near the residence of Alpha M. Cheney has been completed.

The residence of C. D. Munroe which is nearing completion is now being piped for steam by Brierly & Bessy of Worcester.

Geo. C. Shepard has broken ground for a house on Chapin street. Orrin J. Aldrich has the contract, and the cellar is being put in this week.

The proportions of the new bank building are becoming more apparent as it nears completion. It will be a great ornament to the town.

Sayles street has been greatly improved by the new sidewalk and gravelling. The improvements have led to a partial removal of fences by owners of property adjoining and several have regraded their grounds to conform to the grade of the walk.

Miss L. Jeanette Potter was in town this week.

Miss Louie Ellis is spending the week in Boston.

Joseph Kinsey of Cincinnati visited town this week.

Frank Cady is recovering from a three week's illness.

Miss Cora Lombard is teaching in the academy in Bakersfield, Vt.

Deacon Samuel Lane is confined to the house by a severe illness.

Among former residents in town this week are noticed S. S. Perry and Wm. Beecher.

Dr. and Mrs. Fessenden of Ashfield are visiting the parents of Mrs. F. on Everett street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown are visiting Daniel V. Brown and family in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Gleason of Webster were the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bartlett.

Henry Grant of Providence, R. I., the former owner of the Columbian mills, was in town Wednesday.

Wm. C. Campbell returned this week from an extended trip to Fall River, Providence and Newport.

Calvin A. Wesson, the popular shoemaker on Mill street, is attending to business again after a four week's sickness.

Hartwell Hobbs has been suffering from a long illness of many we ks duration, and it is a pleasure to learn that he is now rapidly recovering.

Chas. Haggerty of this town was elected representative in the 7th representative district. This district comprises Charlton, Dudley and Southbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Newell who have spent the past summer in town left for their home in Chicago last Saturday. Their many friends had hoped they might continue their residence in town.

A. E. Densmore met with a painful accident, Monday. While cleaning a lamp chimney the glass broke and cut a gash in his wrist among the arteries which has made it necessary for him to take a few day's vacation.

W. Tauber, the father of Mrs. W. Harper, with his wife and daughter, have recently arrived from Munich, Germany. Mr. Tauber is an artist of reputation. Miss Tauber is a graduate of the Munich Conservatory of Music, and was engaged this summer in the famous Wagner opera at Bayreuth, Bavaria.

Graduating Class of 1886.

The winter term of the High School, Mr. S. F. Tower, principal, and Miss Evelyn Smalley, assistant, closed on Thursday last, under circumstances very propitious to the teachers, and to the scholars under their instruction. The friends of the school claim, and we think truly, that no school in any town of the size of Southbridge, can show more progress or improvement than this. The graduating exercises of the class of 1886 took place in Edwards Opera House, on Friday evening last. As the eventful evening drew nigh, when the graduates should make their *debut* before a public audience, the never failing snow storm put in its appearance. It was feared by some that it would serve as a barrier to deter many from attending, but it is our good fortune to be able to say, that it takes something more than snow, and sloppy sidewalks to keep parents and friends at their homes, when their children and friends were taking this, their first step, to court the favorite criticisms of the many. As one first glanced at the stage, a picture, we might say, met their gaze, that will take many years to efface from their memory. The six young ladies, neatly attired in white dresses, sat in the centre forming a semi-circle, with their teachers and the committee on their right, and the scholars that are to graduate in coming years, on their left and in the rear. With the bountiful supply of evergreens interspersed with many hued flowers, on each wing, nothing was lacking to complete a picture worthy of handing down to the coming generation. The exercises were opened with an overture by the orchestra, followed by a prayer by Rev. Mr. Pomfret. Of the essays, it would be a very difficult matter to select the best one, as they were all good. The different points of excellence in our judgment, are as follows:

The salutatory of Miss Agnes Meagher was delivered in a very self-possessed manner, and with a clearness of enunciation that showed superior ability and very careful training.

Miss Simpson's subject, "The Wanderers," was a well written essay, bearing the unmistakable stamp of her thorough faithful work, and was well presented and received.

Miss Grace M. Johnson's "Essential Element," seemed to be in the *Graceful* style of rendering her knowledge of chemistry. It drew for her, choice floral tributes.

Master Litchfield's oration "Labor Omnia Vincit," gave evidence that he had conquered a pleasing and forcible style of oratory, and should be knighted forthwith for his visible knowledge of his subject. He received flowers enough to excite a pardonable envy from the rest of the class, all being ladies.

Miss Bartholomew was successful by her pleasing address in showing in her essay, the "Genius of the Age," the tendencies of the times. The satisfaction of her friends with her effort, was bountifully signified by the handiwork of the florist.

The story of the "Wild Flowers" related by Miss Ida M. Plimpton, exhibited a very intimate knowledge of her subject, and was given in a particular plain and distinct manner, and well deserved the *floral* coin in which she was paid.

Miss Booth's airy subject, "Among the Stars," did not have the effect to betray her into any impossible attainment, but was treated in her usual clear and sensible method, and was delivered with good taste. Her valedictory was a specially happy effort, and the class have reason to be proud of the work of their valedictorian. The HERALD is able, fortunately, to give a verbatim report of the same, in the following lines:

Mr. Superintendent and Gentlemen of the Committee. We thank you for what you have done for us in the past years, and the interest you have taken in our class. Some of you have been with us for many years, and have watched us from the beginning of our school life. We feel particularly grateful for the excellent teachers you have provided for us, and for the revision of the course of study that has given us a wider range and afforded us greater advantages. We shall not soon forget the many pleasant hours we have spent with our teachers, and the pains they have taken to make our studies attractive and interesting. We trust the interest with which they have inspired us will keep us students, though our school days may be ended. To our schoolmates we offer the wish that they may pass as many happy hours in their school life

Temple of Honor Meeting.

Golden Rule Temple of Honor held its sixth anniversary last Monday evening and had at the same time a public installation of the officers whose names were published last week. The attendance was large and the exercises passed off very satisfactory to all. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises by Chaplain Rev. B. V. Stevenson.

Past Worthy Chief Templar, Geo. M. Whitaker, in behalf of the fraternity, welcomed the visitors to the Temple hall. A quartette composed of Miss Mary Pratt, Mrs. Carpenter and Messrs. Swift and Cummings sang a temperance anthem with good effect. Deputy Grand Worthy Templar, H. W. Willson of Worcester, and suite were then introduced and performed the work of installation. Worthy Chief Templar elect, M. L. Brainard, delivered an apt inaugural address and a duet "I know a bank," was sung by Mrs. Carpenter and Miss Stone in their best style. P. W. C. T., Rev. B. V. Stevenson then delivered the anniversary address. He reviewed the work of the order in town—which had not been performed with any great noise and flourish but in a quiet unostentatious manner, so that the society was not as well known as its merits deserved. The speaker eulogized the power of women in the temperance work and hoped that there would be a rallying of the ladies to the Social Temple soon to be organized. He also spoke of the need of educating and enlisting the young in the temperance work. Miss Carrie Stone then sang a serenade in exquisite style, after which the representative of the Grand Temple, Comp. Willson was introduced. He explained the order and showed that in many instances no other society—not even the church—can do the work of the Temple of Honor. It lifts men to higher planes of action and fits them for the church of Christ. The order is not entirely reformatory, it is rather conformatory; in this rests its great power. It does not take men till the resolve to do better has been firmly made, and then it advances them into and teaches them a better life. Its work, derived from the Bible on its altar, is first temperance and second the general upbuilding of all moral traits. It should receive the sympathy and support of the Christian community, although too often such support is withheld. The speaker explained the working of the council department, and dwelt at length on the social department, which he showed to be capable of doing incalculable good. He closed by urging all to labor earnestly in the cause to which the temple is dedicated.

The quartette sang "Star of descending night" very acceptably, and Matthew McVey, in behalf of the Good Samaritans, congratulated the temple on the work it was doing, and as being an organization well worthy the patronage of the people of Southbridge. He noted with particular satisfaction the number of young men in the order who are being educated in the way of temperance. The exercises closed with the singing of the closing ode.

It is hoped that the new temple year just opened will be one of unusual prosperity and that the order will be strengthened in its work by the addition of many temperance men and that it may also welcome many who are now acquiring a love for alcohol and ere long may be lost to their friends and themselves. The social department will doubtless be instituted in a few weeks. More than the legal number of petitioners for a charter has already been obtained, but a few more are desired that the new temple may be born strong and healthy.

Especial praise and thanks for the success of Monday's entertainment are due to the singers above mentioned and to Miss Josie A. Rice, organist.

The Societies. 1884.

A. O. H. meets in Alden's Block, corner of Main and Pleasant streets.

Cercle de Canadien—1st Monday, and 2d and 4th Tuesdays, in Edwards block.

Doric Royal Arch Chapter—2nd Monday after full moon; Masonic hall, Whitfords block.

Foresters—2d and 4th Thursdays; Foresters hall, Memorial block.

Home Circle—2d and 4th Tuesdays; Union block.

Land League—1st Sunday in Old church on Hamilton street.

Quinebaug Lodge F. & A. M.—Monday on or before full moon; Masonic hall.

Royal Arcanum—2d and 4th Thursday evening; Arcanum hall, Ammidown block.

St. Anne's society—2d Sunday.

St. Joseph—1st and 2d Monday; Forester's hall.

St. Jean Baptiste; S. K. Edwards hall company's block.

Sons of Temperance—Friday evening 8 o'clock; Journal building.

Southbridge Lodge Odd Fellows—Tuesday evening; Odd Fellows hall, Edwards block.

Temple of Honor.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Geo. M. Whitaker, who has been secretary of the Massachusetts Press association for four years, was elected one of the vice-presidents at the annual meeting last Tuesday. June 1885

Southbridge was visited last Tuesday by a part of prominent Putnam gentlemen including: Hon. G. W. Phillips, president of the national bank; John A. Carpenter, cashier of the bank; John H. Gardner, president of the savings bank; E. A. Wheelock, of the Putnam Woolen Company; G. W. Holt, superintendent of the Monahassett Company; Geo. A. Hammond, of the Silk Company; Hon. J. W. Manning, Hon E. H, Bugbee; D. K. Olney, president of the gaslight company; S. H. Seward and F. H. Perry. The party dined at the Dresser house from one of mine hosts Parker's best bills of fare and then drove about the town. As so many of the leading citizens were out of town attending court at Worcester, they were not given the greeting that would otherwise have been accorded them. But agent Tatterson, of the Hamilton Woolen Company, Selectman Wheeler and C. A. Dresser of the Central Mills Company, did the honors in a graceful manner. The visitors were well pleased with the appearance of the town. We hope they will come again when more people can meet them. Oct. 27. 1885.

The following from the *Patriot* shows how Southbridge appeared to its recent Putnam visitors: Oct. 1885

The party were met and entertained before the dinner hour by Messrs. Dresser, proprietor of the Dresser house, Tatterson, agent of the Hamilton mills, and Selectman Wheeler in the seventh year of active duty in perfecting streets, including sidewalks, grading, etc., apparently an enthusiast in this line and "dead gone on Southbridge." It is unnecessary to say they enjoy good streets and walks under such interested administration. The dinner spread before the visitors did not excel similar efforts of "D. K." but it came the nearest to it of any inland hotel we have chanced to see, particularly in the dessert, etc., and especially in the prompt and modest attention of the waiters. This important detail attended to, nice teams stood at the entrance to drive the visitors through and about the town. It has long, roomy, beautiful streets, nice residences and well-kept homes. The mchanics, clerks, etc., we were informed, build houses, thereby making them interested citizens.

Miss Florence I. King has accepted a position as contralto in the quartet of the First Universalist church of Worcester. She is one of our best local singers and we congratulate her on her promotion. Aug. 1885

A pleasant family reunion occurred at the residence of J. R. Amidon, on Monday, when Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Tiffany, whose golden wedding was celebrated last October, together with their entire family of four generations, eighteen in number, assembled at one table.

QUITE a large and fashionable gathering of our citizens assembled at the house of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Esten in the Merino, on Thanksgiving evening, to witness the wedding ceremony of their only daughter, Mary E. Esten, to Mr. Herbert L. Litchfield, son of L. M. Litchfield of Southbridge. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. T. Filmer of the Baptist church, at the hour of half-past five. After the ceremony the large gathering were hospitably regaled with cake, fruit, ice cream and coffee. The newly married pair were the recipients of many and valuable presents from their friends, among which were a beautiful fruit basket lined with gold, berry basket, cake basket, knives, forks, butter dishes, pickle dishes, pictures and a beautiful crockery pitcher. Two tables were literally covered with the presents, the aggregate amount being nearly $500. The bride and groom started on the steamboat train for a short vacation to the city of New York, Mr. Bradford Esten, her brother, was the groomsman, and Miss Idella Brewster the bridesmaid. Mr. J. F.B. Litchfield was master of ceremonies. Our thanks are hereby tendered for an invitation to the festival, and we hope that the worthy pair may be blessed with a long and happy married life. Mr. Litchfield will take his bride to his new home just fitted up in Southbridge.

Dec. 1870

Grant Memorial Services.

Edwards Opera house was well filled Saturday afternoon to listen to the exercises in memory of the great chieftain gone to his long rest. The hall was appropriately draped and decorated. Each side of the stage was black, with portraits of Grant in the centre; over the stage was a large black and white scroll with a rosette at the centre. There was a black dado about the hall with occasional black columns rising to the ceiling, and the front of the gallery was also draped. On the stage the desk was covered with the American flag, and in each front corner was a stack of arms. At each side of the desk stood a colored soldier at shoulder arms. On the platform were seated the G. A. R. in full uniform and the speakers of the day.

Aug. 8. 1885.

The exercises opened with a selection by a quartet, composed of Messrs. Taylor, Hill, Monroe and Winter. Following this the G. A. R. ritual was impressively performed by Commander G. W. Corey, Adjutant F. Jacobs, and Chaplain Wm. P. Plimpton. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. J. Pomfret and another selection was sung by the quartet.

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the president of the day said, henceforth and forever this people shall honor and cherish his memory as a great soldier, peerless and alone in the grandeur of his achievements; and the calm judgment of history shall commend to the wonder of the world that he developed and displayed such breadth of statemanship. His wisdom and firmness were demonstrated in his measures for reconstructing the state governments, the amendments to the constitution, for discharging the national obligations in the payment of the public debt, for the improvement of the condition of the laboring classes in fixing the hours of work, for the solution of the Indian problem, for the promotion of public education, for the reform of the civil service, the concessions he compelled foreign powers to make in the interests of peace. These compose a record more conspicuous in scope and importance than that of any like period in our political history since the formation of our system of government. With what calm dignity he bore the honors of his country as the guest of the nations of the world, honored alike by crowned heads, renowned warriors, eminent statesmen and foremost scholars. And with what vainless simplicity and true manliness he returned to us, more profound in his knowledge of the mysteries of the governments of all peoples than any among us, more distinguished than any American citizen, to find satisfaction and joy alone in the unambitious, unpretentious, quiet relations of his home, as husband and father, to live and die in the bosom of his family. His triumphs and greatness sprang from his pure and lofty character, and the intensity of the individuality in which he lived, acted and died. He loved justice and truth. Was humility and faith ever so clearly manifested in a single great chieftain? Was ever such grand conquests in life wrought from obscurity, aided alone by the circumstances of an exciting civil conflict, by the energy of his own nature and intellectual power? Make his life, character and public career the theme of your study and the example for imitation in all duties of citizenship to the end that each may be sure of having lived useful, upright, beneficient, earnest and true lives.

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was introduced as the first speaker, whose topic was Grant's military career. He said:

As the peer of Washington, the coadjutor of Lincoln and the preserver of his country the memory of General Grant will live forever in the hearts of the American people. The great captain of the mightiest hosts that ever assembled in ancient or modern times has gone to rest and a living people bow in reverent respect to the Master's will. The youth of our country mourn today and their tears are mingled with those of the grizzled veterans who fought by the side of their victorious chief; they are mingled with the tears of the fathers and mothers who trustfully gave to his care their sons, their hope and pride. Invincible in war, magnanimous in peace, the silent modesty of the soldier and patriot will sound the key-note of chivalry for our age, and posterity seeing his virtues, chastened by the asperities of time, will look with wonder upon the man to whom we pay homage today. Let no man write his history today, for as the beauty of grandeur is marred by too close vision, so must the nearness of the man mar the magnitude of his glory.

The speaker then characterized Grant's military genius as without parallel in the history of this country, to be compared only with the great historic generals, and next alluded to his military career in the Mexican war, to Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg, and with the army of the Potomac. After alluding to the difficulty of particularizing the marked traits of a successful man and assigning to each their proper place, he noticed the failure that Grant's career might have been had any one of his virtues been lacking. Manly courage, bravery, military training, correct theory of war were supplemented by keen practical judgment that enabled him to grasp details with precision and to form correct opinions almost instantaneously. Furthermore, he was always cool, calm and clear-headed. Patience and perseverance was also noticed as characteristic points.

No man ever drew a sword with less liking than he, for peace was his motto. Stern necessity of fighting was all that forced him into the field. When duty called he devoted every energy, every faculty, to the attainment of success and the speedy ending of warfare. He thought that war should be sharp, decisive and short; that it was better to sacrifice the lives of men in fighting a quick campaign to the enemy's injury, than have them wear out with disease in an unhealthy camp. His boundless

Death of Rev. W. W. Wilson.

1873

We are indebted to the Rev. F. C. Flint for the following—a record which will move the sorrow of all who knew the faithful brother, whose decease it announces:

The death of Rev. W. W. Wilson occurred at Oxford, Mass, June 19th. About a year ago he was stricken with partial paralysis, and since then, though not entirely helpless, he has been unable to engage in the work of the ministry—a work to which his head and heart had for thirty years been devoted. The funeral service at Kinston, N. H. was attended by Rev. F. C. Flint on Tuesday.

Brother Wilson is well known to the older ministers of the denomination for the excellent spirit and ability with which he prosecuted the work of preaching the faith once delivered to the saints. He was a genuine Universalist Christian. He was born in Stoddard, N. H. Nov. 23, 1819, and consequently was fifty-four years old. By an accident at the age of thirteen years, he lost his left hand, an event which turned his attention to books and study. Though bred in the forms of Orthodoxy his interest in the subject of religion was awakened mainly by the preaching of Rev. J. V. Wilson, (not a relative.) Having learned the value of the Universalist form of faith, he acquired an academical education and began to preach at the age of twenty-two. He first located at Laconia, and afterwards at Centre Harbor, N. H., at Haverhill, at Southbridge, at Chatham, and at Oxford, in Mass. He embraced the principles of Universalism with ardor, and as a preacher he was clear, logical, forcible, and at times even eloquent. His sermons however were generally characterized by soundness and strength, rather than classic brilliancy.

His nature was sympathetic, and his services were especially satisfactory on funeral occasions. He was eminently industrious, permitting no hour to pass without the results of well-directed effort. Socially he was affable and free, possessing a quiet mirthfulness which made him an agreeable companion. As a preacher and pastor, as a School-Committee man, and as a worker in the temperance cause, he was ever faithful and efficient. He has now gone to his home, and his memory will be affectionately cherished by his many friends.

Berry Pickers.

The two-act operetta, "The Berry Pickers," to be presented the 16th under Mrs. Carpenter's auspices represents a company of young people who, while picking berries, meet two girls saddened by sickness at home and the supposed loss of their father at sea. The young people interest friends in behalf of the unfortunate family who are given a more comfortable home, when to the surprise of every one the father returns. The following is the cast and list of those taking part: Alice, Miss Carrie Marble; Mary, Miss Lizzie Alden; Clara, Miss Agnes Meagher; their mother, Miss Mary Butler; sailor's wife, Miss Minnie Searles; sailor, Ernest W. Winter; sailor's children, Cora Marble and Edith Bartholomew; gypsies, Misses Florence King, Mattie Searles, Mary Butler, Maude Oldham, Jessie Blane, Ida Varner, Annie Abbott; horse jockey, John Taylor; queen of flowers, Nettie Potter; queen's attendants, Gracie Bartholomew and Lulu Faulkner; flower girls, Jacobina Taylor, Ida Cook, Blanche Winter, Isabella Taylor, Sadie Bugbee, Maggie Butler, Florence Newhall; chorus, Annie Marble, Lillie Holmes, Dillie Chamberlain, Jennie Mullen, Miss Flynn, Katie Abbott, Nellie Searles, Dr. Bradford, J. F. B. Litchfield, G. A. Bartlett, —— Chandler, ——— Caron, —— Martin, Bert Clemence, Willie Bromley, Harry Howlett, Worth Brackett, Arthur Shepard, Willie Shepard, Johnnie Freeman, Joseph Cook; soloists, Miss Collins, Herman Chenev, Walter Chandler, Fred Beekman, Harry Beekman; pianists, Misses Pellett, Oldham, Meagher, Abbott. Accompanist and directress, Mrs. H. N. Carpenter.

Reserved seat tickets will be on sale at Paige & Co's after Monday morning.

The annual meeting of the Mutual Gas Light company was held Friday evening at W. C. Barnes's store. Officers were elected as follows: President Wm. C. Barnes; clerk and treasurer, S. S. Perry; directors, W. C. Barnes, Andrew Hall, C. A. Dresser, F. L. Chapin and C. D. Paige. Considerable interest centered in the election of treasurer, E. D. Reynolds aspiring to the position, but Mr. Perry was reelected. Nearly every share of stock was voted on either in person or by proxy.

The Southbridge Odd Fellows celebrated the sixty-third anniversary of the order in their hall last Wednesday. The literary and musical part of the program was as follows;

Address of welcome—J. W. Robinson.
Quartette—Blue Alsatian Mountains—Mrs. Wilbur, Mrs. Guy, Messrs. Litchfield and Cook.
Reading—Friendship, love and truth—E. O. Stone.
Solo—Our Little Pet—Miss Flora D. Newhall.
Declamation—The Vagabonds—Wm. J. Melvin.
Duet—See the Pale Moon—J. B. F. Litchfield and Augustus Cook.
Address—Otis P. Stone.
Trio—Call of the Fairies—Miss Minnie Searles, Mrs. Wilbur, Mrs. Guy.
Solo—Three Sailor Boys—Augustus Cook.
Reading—Babies—G. Clarence Winter.
Quintette—Meet me at Twilight,

Mr. Stone's address opened with a brief historical sketch of the order and dwelt at length upon its work and principles, proving its points by convincing statistics. Mr. Cook's solo was encored. Later in the evening an ample collation was served and those so inclined had an opportunity for dancing. The tables in the banquet hall presented a very fine appearance, being decorated with some elegant boquets from J. Hodge's greenhouses.

The Temples meet on alternate Mondays—the Social on the second and fourth, the other on the first and third.

Temples of Honor.

Golden Rule Temple of Honor had a reunion of its members and those of the Social Temple last Monday evening to witness its installation of officers. The following were installed by Past Grand Worthy Templar Whitaker and suite:

W. C. T.—W. S. Kilton.
W. V. T.—Geo. M. Whitaker.
W. R.—Chas. L. Newhall.
W. A. R.—Edwin Dillaber.
W. F. R.—Harry C. Winter.
W. Treas.—Wm. C. Barnes.
W. Chap.—Rev. B. V. Stevenson.
W. U.—E. L. Gay.
W. D. U.—Chas. Horton.
W. G.—J. A. Marcy.
W. S.—Geo. V. Moulton.

After the installation W. C. T. Kilton read an excellent address, calling attention to the comprehensive principles of the Order, which is much more than a mere temperance society. He also urged the members to be zealous and enthusiastic, heartily cooperating with the officers, and offered some valuable suggestions about the way to make meetings interesting. Remarks were also made by N. D. Ladd, James Hacken, O. P. Stone, J. W. Bowker, Geo. M. Whitaker and others; music and readings by S. E. Gay, Ada E. Gay, M. J. Morse and others. The meeting was well attended and very enthusiastic. We predict that much good will come of it.

The officers of the Social Temple installed last week were:

S. P. T.—Nellie M. Hall.
B. P. T.—Rev. B. V. Stevenson,
S. V. T.—Ada E. Gay.
B. V. T.—Edwin Dillaber.
S. U.—Nellie M. Walker.
B. U.—G. V. Moulton.
S. R.—M. J. Morse.
B. F. R.—E. L. Gay.
S. Treas.—S. E. Gay,
S. Chap.—M. V. Moulton.
S. G.—M. C. Dillaber.
B. S.—Chas. L. Newhall.

There is connected with this Order, which already has two representatives in town, a juvenile department which takes boys at an age before a taste for liquor has been formed and pledges them to total abstinence. The boys officer and manage their society subject to certain general rules and restrictions, and find it both pleasing and improving. The importance of this work among the young can not be overestimated; the greatest efforts of the temperance people should be turned in this direction. It is hard work to save the old topers—the work of prevention is much easier. There ought to be a juvenile Temple in Southbridge, and if any of the temperance people would like to move in this direction they can learn more full particulars at the JOURNAL editorial room.

Obituary.

Rev. Franklin C. Flint died at the residence of his father in Shrewsbury last Thursday. This sad and sudden blow upon the community was caused by heart disease—the result of a severe rheumatic fever several years since. He was born in Nelson, N. H., June 16, 1836. At an early age he exhibited a desire for knowledge, and when driving the oxen to plough for his father he would have a book in his hand storing his mind with knowledge. In 1861 he graduated third in his class from Tufts college; having paid his way by teaching school vacations and from a state scholarship for which he had been a successful competitor. He taught school in Westboro and North Dana, Hyannis and Dudley. He preached at Dana and Chatham, and in 1867 he settled in Southbridge where he remained seven years. Resigning his pastorate here he was for a year principal of Willow Park seminary at Westboro and then pastor of the Universalist society at Attleboro. Here he was received with great favor, but his health giving way he was obliged to resign, and on March 3d he preached his last sermon. After the close of the services a meeting was held and it was voted to give him leave of absence, hoping that he might recover. He came to his father's house in Shrewsbury, but grew worse till on Thursday March 23d, he passed away quietly, resignedly and hopefully, surrounded by his wife and three children, his parents, brother and sister.

The funeral services were held at the Congregational church at Shrewsbury. The choir sang the hymn, "Beyond the smiling and the weeping." Rev. E. P. Dyer, pastor of the church, read appropriate selections from the Scriptures, after which Rev. T. E. St. John of the First Universalist church of Worcester pronounced a brief eulogy on the deceased. He spoke of his earnestness, sincerity and faithfulness in the good work he had done in his life, and said, now that his work was finished, it could be said, and truthfully, that it was well done. He gave words of consolation to the family, and to the widow, who is left with three small children. Owing to the freshets friends from Southbridge were unable to attend. A number from the Attlebero society, of which Mr. Flint was pastor, came to pay the last sad rites. Many friends from Westboro were present, together with the town's people. After the services in the church, the body was carried to the cemetery where the burial took place.

In the pulpit he displayed much ability and gave satisfaction during his stay in town where the people would have been glad to have had him remain longer. He was, however, no narrow theologian nor one of those "with weary reiterations and futile threats setting before their audiences from Sunday to Sunday a miserable rehash of antiquated dogmas and conventional exhortations." His preaching was pointed and practical. He also felt that as a man and a citizen he had a duty to perform, and we find him working for the town on its library and school committees and for humanity by prominently identifying himself with all leading reforms. This we conceive to be one of the highest tributes which can be paid to man—to have it truly said that he was above narrow consideration of "our church" or "our party" and an enthusiastic able worker for humanity. Rev. Mr. Flint was a charter member of Golden Rule Temple of Honor, and during his residence in town a faithful worker for it. Mar. 13.

Bells.

The new Congregational bell has been received and hung. It is a fine sounding bell, a hundred pounds heavier than the old one and with a different tone. The old one weighed 890 pounds; its tone was C, and it was cast in 1821 by Revere, of Boston, descendent of the famous Paul Revere. The new bell was manufactured by the same house, now Blake & Co., and has the most modern arrangements for ringing and tolling. It weighs 1009 pounds and its tone is A. In this connection the following information about other bells in town will be of interest:

Congregationalist: weight, 1009; diameter, 37 inches; tone A; Blake & Co., Boston, 1885.

Universalist: weight, 1100; diameter, 39 1 2; tone, B; Meneeley & Co., Troy, 1853.

Methodist: weight, 1530; diameter, 42 inches; tone, G; Holbrooke & Son., Medway, 1870.

Baptist: weight, 1700; diameter 44 inches; tone, F sharp; H. T. Litchfield, East Boston; 1866.

American Optical company: weight, 1040; diameter, 38 inches; tone, B; Meneeley & Co., Troy; 1884.

—The remains of Col. L. F. Pratt of Hyde Park, L. I., arrived here on Monday evening for interment. The funeral took place at the old homestead, now the residence of Daniel Pratt, at 11 o'clock, Tuesday.

Oct. 26 ### Republican Rally.

The republicans of Southbridge held a grand rally in Dresser opera house Tuesday evening. The speakers were Senator Hoar and Gen. John L. Swift. A large audience, considering the inclemency of the weather, was in attendance; many ladies being present. The Southbridge Brass band played a number of fine selections. Hon. A. J. Bartholomew presided. The opening speech was made by Senator Hoar. And for depth of thought, comprehensive ideas and force of oratory it is believed his speech eclipsed anything of a like nature ever heard in this town. To enable his hearers to still better understand his remarks on the tariff issue, he placed upon the platform a map which showed the various countries, islands and water courses or roads that were in the possession of Great Britain, and of others over which she had a commercial and political sway. During his remarks as a mere digression he paid his respects to Col. Russel in about the same conclusive manner that a terrier dog does to a rat, one or two shakes and it was all over with Mr. Russell. Senator Hoar enchained his hearers for exactly two hours, no one leaving the house during the time of the speech.

Mr. Hoar alluded to the recent bitter fight over the congressional nomination in this district, and said it did not behoove us to penetrate the personal merits of the case, as in all times and stages of our political history there had been bitter political feuds among the party leaders. Alex. Hamilton and John Adams were intense personal enemies, but the memory of each we honor today for the sterling services they both rendered their country and no one cares for their personal quarrels but their immediate descendants. John C. Calhoun was on one occasion toasted by Andrew Jackson as an honest man; the noblest work of God, yet four years after Jackson sent notice to Calhoun the substance of which was that if he did not forsake his nullification scheme he would hang him. In our own time we remember the unfortunate personal contest between Grant and Sumner, yet there are no two men whose memory we revere and honor more than these. We connot undertake in a government like ours to let the petty differences of a few men have weight or influences in our councils or considerations. In our own section we hold in respect the right of the majority. But our opponents have no regard for the right for one class for we believe that had it not been for fraud and violence James G. Blaine (tremenderous applause) would have been halfway through one of the most brilliant administrations the country ever knew. We have discussed the ideas and customs of our government year after year. But changes come slow. The republican party have not had absolute control of the government since 1874. With but one exception the democrats have had control of every House of Representative since that period and in that session they

The Little Rollers.

The little Misses Cora and Gertie Jackson, of Boston, gave one of the finest exhibitions of the kind ever given at the Opera house rink on Wednesday evening last. They were received with a round of applause, which was almost continual from their first appearance on the floor until the close of their exhibition, some thirty minutes or more, and they were repeatedly called for afterwards. All who saw them were loud in their praise, and pronounce them as being the best of the season. The managers have engaged them for Wednesday, the 19th inst, at which time they will give a matinee in the afternoon, especially devoted to ladies and children, and will appear in entirely new costumes and changes They will also give an exhibition in the evening.

Among the Churches.

There will be a Sabbath school concert at the Baptist church next Sunday evening; subject, "Welcome to the pastor."

Rev. Mr. Rogers, the Methodist clergyman of Uxbridge, preached at the Universalist church last Sabbath. Such an example of christian liberality is as refreshing as it is rare.

Rev. G. Easterbrook will be installed as pastor of the Baptist church Thursday evening, March 13. Rev. Mr. Miller of Worcester will preach the sermon. Other speakers will also be in attendance.

The Universalist Sunday school had a very good concert last Sunday evening. The choir rendered some very fine selections. Rev. Mr. Rogers gave a very practical talk, and there were a good y number of appropriate recitations.

Henry W. Oldham, for many years in the employ of the Hamilton Woolen Company and well known in this vicinity, died very suddenly of apoplexy last Friday. The funeral services were held in Union Church last Sabbath.

Southbridge lodge, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers Tuesday evening:

N. G.—Ernest L. Gay.
V. G.—William H. Wilson.
Rec. Sec.—Edward M. Litchfield.
Per. Sec.—Charles L. Newhall.
Treasurer—Otis B. Gay.

Fifty shares of Hamilton Woolen company's stock sold in Boston, Wednesday at par, and fifty more are advertised for sale Saturday. We wish more of this could be held in town.

Schools.

The yearly examinations of the high school were held this week. The graduating class numbers six.

The graduating exercises of the high school will be held this evening in Edwards Opera house. At the close of the exercises the class will receive their friends and a social hour will be enjoyed.

The high school examination took place yesterday in the presence of the school committee and a good audience of visitors, and as was to be expected, was very creditable to the school. At the close of the exercises, remarks were made by Messrs. Hayward, Haggerty, Danielson, Easterbrook, Cochran and Joel Cheney. Fifty-eight pupils have been in attendance during the year.

The following pupils have been promoted to the high school, not wholly without conditions, but very nearly so: Alice Aldrich, Solomon Blanchard, Willard Bromley, Albert Clarke, Bertha Clarke, Mabel E. Chapin, James Delehanty, Frank F. Dresser, Florence Swindells, James S. George, Isabella Taylor, Lillie Hall, Thomas Welch, Bianche Harwood, Lottie Ward, Florence Newhall, Jennie E. Ware, Maggie O'Hara, Nettie E. Whittemore, Arthur Shepard, Blanche E. Winter. These comprise the entire class, with the exception of two who were detained from the examination by illness.

IN MEMORIAM.

THE death of William B. Potter, Nov. 22, 1874, has taken from us a man of sterling integrity of character, and a mechanic long indentified with the building interests of this place—the monuments of whose patient toil and unquestioned skill, we trust, will long stand whenever we turn to remind us that he once lived among us.

Born Sept. 24, 1810, in Cranston, R. I., and came to this place early in life, and has for many years been the leading mason in this vicinity, and few of all the brick buildings in town were constructed by any other mechanic. The big mill at the Globe, Town house, the center school-house, the first block of S. Dresser, and the Edwards block, including the entire front on Elm street, the Barnes block, the Hartwell block, the house of Sumner Marsh, and that of Liberty Phelps, the central mill, and a part of the works at Sandersdale, the Bay State House in Worcester, and other blocks there, the basement of the Universalist church and the foundations of the Public Library building, and those of the new spectacle shop, are some of the principal works of his hands. The last job of his active life was the addition to the center school-house, erected last summer under his supervision, after his health had become seriously impaired.

He has always been faithful to his duty and industrious in his habits, and enterprising in his ideas. The brick manufacturing interests of the town have been increased under his inspiring spirit, and but for him would scarcely have attained its present importance. He has left a widow and two sons surviving him.

Among the Churches.

The double quartet at the Baptist church proves very satisfactory.

The Universalist society have adopted the system of weekly offerings for the ensuing year.

Personal.

We are indebted to Geo. W. Wells for recent Chicago papers.

Lawyer Wheelock, of Mendon, has entered A. J. Bartholomew's office.

Lawyer Cochran is fitting up his office with new furniture. Business must be good.

Homer Faulkner, a former resident of this town, is very ill at his residence in Milford.

Horace W. Bacon, jr., gives an exhibition of trick and fancy skating at the Upton rink this evening.

J. A. White, who is to succeed Mr. Freed in the clothing business, was in town yesterday and called at the JOURNAL office.

E. C. Hawkes, last week, laid down the red hot quill of Marlboro journalism to visit his many friends in Southbridge.

In spite of the blizzard last Friday a large number of little folks assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Oakes, the occasion being the birthday party of Miss Florence. All enjoyed a good time.

The funeral of the late John Foley was one of the most imposing there has been in town for some time. The fire department and the Ancient Order of Hibernians were in the procession, besides a large number of friends and relatives.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haggerty have been in Augusta, Me., the past week.

Misses Mary Pellett and Martha Cutting and Mrs. J. H. Valdivia are in New York visiting.

Mrs. Philip Bacon has returned home from a five weeks visit with her parents in Jersey city.

Miss Carrie R. Stone is engaged as solo soprano for another year at the Congregational church.

C. V. Carpenter will take a rest from business cares by a ten day trip to Washington, starting next week.

Rev. F. Magwire is visiting relatives in Vermont and will probably preach next Sunday at Ludlow in that state.

M. E. Hargraves, M. D., of Baltimore, has been in town this week, called here to attend the funeral of Mrs. F. Clough, mother of Mrs. Wm. C. Hargraves.

Miss Minnie Searles is visiting friends at Gilboa, N. Y. During her absence her place in the Universalist quartet will be filled by Miss Cora Marble.

July 2. **Fire.** 1884.

The lurid glare of the heavens about half-past nine Wednesday evening showed that the lightning had dropped where there was something combustible, and a general fire alarm quickly followed. The fire was in the direction of Westville, and fears for the safety of the shuttle shop and adjacent property stimulated the firemen to great exertions. Although the rain was pouring at the time of the alarm the department responded in excellent time, the companies coming in in the following order: Steamer 2, Hook and Ladder 2, Hook and Ladder 1, Steamer 1. The record is no discredit to the two latter companies, they having a mile the longest run. Steamer 2 got the first water. The difference in the time of the steamers starting work was very slight.

The fire was the old shoddy mill in Westville, owned by the Hamilton Woolen Company, which was struck by lightning. The building was almost destroyed before the department arrived; but the bucket brigade and the machines did good work in saving S. T. Cutting's store and other surrounding property.

The mill has been unoccupied for several years, and was practically valueless. It was an historic landmark, built in 1812 by the Sturbridge Manufacturing Company for carding and spinning cotton, and afterwards owned and operated by Adolphus Merriam and Gayton Ballard, under the firm name of Merriam & Ballard. It was afterwards sold to the Hamilton Woolen Company, who then intended to erect a much larger factory to use the extensive water power there.

The mill was run at one time, we learn, by the late Moses Plimpton.

John W. McKinstry, a hoseman of steamer No. 2, was badly prostrated by the heat, but was better yesterday.

The friends of Ellen C., wife of S. N. Hinman, will be sorry to learn of her death which occurred suddenly at her residence in Belmont, Iowa, June 1st. Mrs. Hinman was the eldest daughter of the late Marvin Cheney of this town, an amiable christian woman, tender and true in all the relations of life. She leaves a devoted husband and five lovely children to mourn her loss. She was about thirty-six years of age, and died of erysipelas. 1879.

DIED.

In Southbridge, Feb. 12, Caroline A., wife of Joseph Hodges and daughter of the late Dea. Henry Fiske; 46 years.

June. **Improvements.** 1882

A stroll about town shows an unusual number of improvements, new enterprises and buildings in progress. The three buildings recently burned will soon be rising from the ashes. On the Woodstock road Mr. Smith's purchase shows new building going on. At the corner of North and Mechanic streets a new barn is building. The walls of the new S. K. Edwards memorial block are rising. On North street stakes are driven for new barns.

The Edwards estate and Mr. Sanders are grading the land belonging to them on the new road leading from Everett street to the cemetery, and Messrs. Paige & Chapin are building a house on the same street. These are in addition to the seven new houses on Chapin street and other improvements previously noticed.

The town is making great advancement in its roads this year. At Westville some solid work is being done in rebuilding the bank wall, and widening and straightening the street. An excellent job has been done on Marcy street south of Main, and another will be done on Morris street, where there has been considerable building done for the past few years. Among new roads there are extensions of Chapin and Dresser streets, the former already about completed, and Chestnut street.

The Central Mills company has done quite an extensive job about its bulkhead, which is now being finished by a gate-house. The American Optical company is preparing to widen and deepen its raceway.

The new sidewalks will make a great improvement in the village, as they are all on prominent streets that are much traveled. The walk on Central street has necessitated much blasting and the cutting of several trees. The curbing is all set. Mr. Dresser and his men will soon be on Mill street, where the new walk will be as much appreciated as anywhere.

The following complimentary notice appears in the *Magog News*, P. Q., relative to a former resident of this place:

Five cases of Magog prints were shipped from the print works on Monday for the exhibition in London, Eng. There was a variety of some 250 patterns in one, two, three, four, five and six colors. This fine display of prints was made and selected under the direction of John McAdam, the new superintendent, and the style and workmanship will be difficult to surpass by manufacurers in the United States or England. Our noble Mother England will have to look well to her laurels or her tender Canadian daughters will modestly win some of them in the forthcoming exhibition. Magog should be thankful to the N. P. and the print works for so able a manager.

March 13 **A Sad Accident.** 1884

DEATH OF A FORMER RESIDENT.

The circumstances connected with the death of Henry McKinstry were peculiarly sad and distressing and concerning which we have learned the following particulars:

Last Saturday afternoon a man from Brimfield called at the home of Mr. McKinstry in the south part of Sturbridge to see about buying a yoke of oxen, but did not succeed in finding any one on the premises, although he noticed the oxen were yoked and standing in the yard. Continuing his way to Southbridge, he called upon Albert McKinstry and mentioned the matter to him and it was their conclusion that the fact of the oxen being yoked up was proof that the brother, Henry, could not have been far away. The Brimfield man said he would call again, which he did on Monday, when he discovered that the oxen were standing in the same place and with the cattle in the barn, were in a starving condition,

Calling the assistance of a neighbor, they began a search which resulted in finding the body of the unfortunate man pinned or crushed to the ground by the roots of a large tree.

He was last seen Wednesday afternoon and from appearances it is supposed that he went out Thursday forenoon to chop the trunk of a large tree, from the roots as it lay where it had been blown over and the roots and stump, instead of springing back to their former position, as is usually the case, fell forward in a manner that caught and crushed him. Upon examination it was found that the blow had dislocated his neck and death must have ensued immediately.

Mr. McKinstry was born in this town and lived here until about ten years ago, when he removed to the farm in Sturbridge, owned by himself and brothers, and took his aged mother with him as housekeeper. On account of her extreme age (nearly ninety years) she had passed the present winter with her sons, Albert and James, in Southbridge, while Henry remained alone at the Sturbridge home.

The deceased was 64 years of age, unmarried, and had lived a quiet, uneventful life, but was peculiarly fond of reading and study.

The funeral services were held by Rev. W. J. Pomfret at the residence of Albert McKinstry, Wednesday afternoon.

SENATORIAL MATTERS.

Southbridge is the largest town except Spencer in this senatorial district, and has not had a senator since 1871. It is therefore not very greedy in making a claim this year. Spencer, Webster, Brookfield, Sutton, Sturbridge and West Brookfield have all had the office since Southbridge. Oxford would like the office this year in order to promote Representative Joslin. But Mr. Joslin is sure of continuance in the House if he wants further legislative honors, and so it is not necessary to give the office to that town in order to give position to one of its citizens. He is already well provided for, as we have said above, and so far as town claims go Southbridge can certainly make as good a case as Oxford, when the relative size of the places, the republican vote in each, and the time since they have each had a senator, is concerned. Furthermore, Mr. Joslin will stand as good a chance for the office at the end of the present term as he does now. Probably it will be much better.

Southbridge presents for the position the name of C. D. Paige, a young republican, a native of the town, who by good judgment and business ability has become one of the leading merchants of the place, a director in the national bank, and the recipient of various positions of trust. Politically his career has been an upward and progressive one. He has served in the lower branch of the legislature, been a delegate to a national convention, and a member of the state committee. Under such circumstances there should be no question about the justice of Southbridge's request, and when these ideas are generally understood we expect the nomination of our fellow-townsman. Oct. 1885.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bartlett and the Misses West have returned from a trip to Block Island. The young ladies brought home swords as trophies of a sword fishing trip. 1886

M. B. Phillips, W. W. Brackett, A. G. Shepard, H. C. Cheney, A. G. Wells and S. C. Burrows will occupy Echo Camp, Black pond, Woodstock, for about three weeks. July 1886

Miss R. M. Stetson has proved so able a teacher in the Main street upper grammar school that both parents and pupils will be pleased to hear of her return to that position.

John W. McKinstry spent a few days in Boston last week. Mar 26 1886

Rev. Sylvanus Hayward visited the town of Rochester N. H. last week.

Southbridge is in number of population the forty-eighth municipality in Massachusetts. The places ahead of us arranged in the order of their size are: Boston, Worcester, Lowell, Cambridge, Fall River, Lynn, Lawrence, Springfield, New Bedford, Somerville, Salem, Holyoke, Chelsea, Taunton, Haverhill, Gloucester, Brockton, Newton, Malden, Fitchburg, Waltham, Pittsfield, Newburyport, Attleboro, Northampton, North Adams, Quincy, Woburn, Chicopee, Marlboro, Weymouth, Milford, Beverly, Medford, Brookline, Clinton, Westfield, Natick, Hyde Park, Adams, Framingham, Spencer, Marblehead, Plymouth, Gardner, Danvers, Dedham, Southbridge. Deducting the twenty-three cities leaves Southbridge the twenty-fifth town. Nov. 1885

The Litchfield Shuttle company reports to the *Boston Journal of Commerce* its business as being good at the present time, and is running its large works on full time. This company probably has one of the most complete establishments for the manufacture of shuttles and shuttle irons that can be found. The machinery that is used for this purpose is of the most improved kind, and all of the stock used for shuttles has laid in its storehouse seasoning at least one year before being used. This company is the sole manufacturer of the Thompson patent adjustable tension eye shuttle, which has become so popular among our manufacturers. Thirty hands are at present employed in its shuttle department. Nov. 1885.

We have heard for several weeks in private conversation with different out of town politicians that our fellow townsman A. J. Bartholomew was a candidate for district attorney, and we notice that the fact has got into the papers. Mr. Bartholomew is one of our most prominent citizens, who has been very influential in town affairs and who stands well among his professional brothers at the bar. We should be very glad to see the town represented in the distribution of county offices. There is a plenty of ability in Southbridge to fill any of the county offices with credit to the holder, the county, and the town; and there has been in years past too much modesty among our people and too many petty feuds to allow the town to have the advantage and influence that would come from the publicity of being represented more outside of its own limits.

Mrs. James H. Sanders has returned from her western visit.

Ourselves as Others See Us.

Our first trip to Southbridge was made March 9, at night. The genial conductor Joslyn made our *entree* a pleasant one, and as the "Dresser House" is an excellent hotel, we could but visit the Hamilton Woolen Company's mills in the best of humor with ourself and all the world.

We are indebted to C. M. Cook, who has charge of the finishing department, for an introduction to John Tatterson, the agent, who cheerfully gave us permission to go through the entire works, and in charge of Joseph F. Esten, the superintendent, we visited every department of interest in the mill, and the works are so extensive that a guide is absolutely necessary for the first time. We saw many processes that interested us, among them a Sargent's wool scouring machine, which, for once, was in charge of one who understood what wool washing meant. This company produces a large variety of goods from both wool and worsted threads. Mr. Esten showed us around with a good deal of patience, for which we thank him.

Southbridge is a lovely manufacturing town, and, as far as we saw, was free from the usual neglected tenement houses of factory villages. We should think there would be no difficulty in securing plenty of the best of help in a town so desirable as a place of residence, and let us say right here, that a clean manufacturing town, free from over-crowding of tenement houses, is the best safe-guard against lawlessness and immortality that we know of, and Southbridge is as free from overcrowding as any place we have visited. We feel thankful for our cordial reception in that lovely manufacturing town.—*Cotton, Wool, and Iron.*

Miss Alice Gertrude Crawford, daughter of Mrs. Jeannette W. Crawford the pianist will make her debut as an actress in Herne's "Minute Men of '76," at the grand opera-house in New York, September 6. Miss Crawford has been under competent instruction in the actor's art for the past few years, and has many personal advantages and the ambition of youth in her favor. The play in which she appears was written by James A. Perne, a well-known actor of melodrama. The part in which Miss Crawford appears is that of Rachel, a patriotic maden. Her friends and her mother's friends, in this her native city, will feel great interest in her appearance.—*Springfield Republican.* 1886

An Interesting Meeting.

Golden Rule Social and Subordinate Temples of Honor had an interesting and profitable meeting last Monday, evening. In addition to members of both temples, invited friends were present in such number as to fill the cozy hall. After the opening ode and a prayer by Chaplain Rev. B. V. Stevenson, W. C. T.,M. L. Brainard welcomed the guests, emphasizing a greeting to the representatives of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and Good Samaritan society. The first speaker was Past Worthy Chief Templar Rev. B. V. Stevenson. He alluded to the fraternity of the human race and the interest that each individual ought to take in his neighbor, showing that this was the tendency of fraternal orders like the Temple of Honor; he closed by dwelling upon the duty of the good people in every community to not only support temperance societies, but to make them a power.

Grand Worthy Templar Geo. M. Whitaker spoke next, alluding to the amount of money the town had expended for protection from fire and for a new cemetery, and arguing that at least an equal interest should be felt in the temperance work, in which the Temple of Honor plays an important part and one not touched by other orders.

The speech of the evening,however—eloquent and convincing—was delivered by Past Grand Worthy Templar Walter Babb. With several illustrations that had come under his own knowledge of the power of intemperance, and in answer to the question, "What are you going to do about it?" he went on to show what the Temple of Honor is doing. He gave a glowing account of the work and power of the temple and of the different departments of the order, beginning with the cadets for the boys. The speaker also showed that prohibition is possible and the need of having true temperance men in legislative and town office. He closed with an earnest exhortation to all the temperance organizations in the place to pull together in efforts against the common enemy.

The exercises were interspersed with two solos sweetly sung by Miss Carrie Stone. We have never heard her sing better. Mrs. Leonard Cutler presided at the organ. F. Rowley also played a violin solo with his usual ability A collation was then served by the ladies of the social temple, after which Rev. J. Danielson, the pastor of the Congregational church, wished the temple God speed in its work.

Thos. Whitaker, jr., read a humorous selection and John A. Marcy testified to the work the temple had done for him enthusiastically telling of his love for it.

The company present listened attentively to all the exercises and showed no weariness in spite of the long program.

THE CHURCHES OF SOUTHBRIDGE. VIII.

Notre Dame (French Catholic).

The early history of this congregation is so closely connected with that of the Irish that it would be useless to repeat what has been said in a former number of the JOURNAL. In 1869 St. Peter's church (old Irish Catholic) being too small to accommodate both Irish and French, the latter held a meeting and sent a petition to the bishop, asking if they could have a priest of their nationality if they built a church. Having received an answer in the affirmative, they began to have services at once in the old church, meeting at a different hour from the Irish. They also started a subscription paper, and the church was immediately under way. A few months after, the first mass was celebrated—Christmas day, 1869—by Father Lebreton, a native of France, who remained about five years. Rev. Elz. Brochu succeeded him, and is still the pastor of Notre Dame.

The church has a seating capacity of about 1300; there is an average Sunday attendance of about 1200. 210 sittings are sold for about $5000. The children sit in front of the church to the number of some 250.

The singing is done by a choir of ladies and gentlemen; Miss Kate Whittaker is the leader and organist.

Two societies are connected with the church. The St. John the Baptist benevolent society has 130 members; the officers are: President, Francois Tremblay; Vice President, H. Hebert; Treasurer, A. Lataille; Cor. Sec., Ed Parent; Collector, F. Gatmot. The temperance society has 500 members; its president is Father Brochu.

Lately the French have repaired and enlarged the old school house for the purpose of having a convent. The French nuns will have the direction of it. It is expected that over 300 children will be educated every year both in the French and English languages.

The old "Tiger No 7" was used at the North Brookfield muster last Saturday, by the East Brookfield company coming in third with a record of 162 feet, 2 1-2 inches.

As predicted in your last issue the Easter services proved a decided success, as attested by the large audience present. It was indeed a joyous gathering and the manner in which the exercises were arranged and conducted by Supt. Rodger Lawson, reflects credit upon that gentleman. The room which had been carefully cleaned and painted, bore a decided improvement, and the looks were still further beautified by the banging of mottoes on the walls, and the arrangement of the new settees. John Warren, who had personal supervision relative to decorations, displayed excellent taste, having the inscription, "Christ is Risen" in evergreen letters directly over the pulpit. Vases containing flowers and ferns were freely distributed, which added greatly to the beauty of the occasion, while the children also carried floral offerings which blended in harmony with their smiling faces, thus producing a feeling of gladness entered into by all. The several recitations, readings, singing, etc., were so grandly rendered that we cannot particularize, and even if it were necessary, space would not permit. Rev. G. Easterbrook's remarks were especially appropriate, the beautiful language used when speaking of "Consider the Lillies" sinking deep into every heart. To be brief, it was an hour well spent, and one that will be cherished for time to come. The following was the order of exercises:

Singing—"Hallelujah" by choir.
Prayer by Rev. G. Easterbrook.
Responsive reading.
Recitation—"Look! the light of day is breaking" by J. A. Sanders.
Duet—"Trusting" by Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Dougherty.
Recitation—Miss Carrie Frost's class.
Recitation—"I wish for thee every blessing" by Mamie McKinnon.
Singing—"Easter Offerings" by Miss Myra Lawson's class.
Reading—"Christs return to Heaven" by Miss Jennie Abbott.
Recitation—"Two Easter Lillies" by Sadie Frost
Singing—"Our Risen Lord" by choir.
Recitation—Mamie Sanders, Allie Sanders, Hattie Dougherty.
Reading—"An Easter Guest" by Miss Ellen Martland.
Duet—"Not ashamed of Christ" by Mrs. T. Sanders, Mrs. D. S. Dougherty.
Recitations—"The Living Christ" by Miss Myra Lawson's class.
Reading—"An Easter Song" by Miss Mamie Brown.
Recitation—"Great Joy" by Grace Dougherty.
Singing—"Fill the air with happy voices" by choir.
Recitation—Miss Addie Frost's class.
Reading—"The Song of the Bells" by Miss Myra Lawson.
Remarks—Rev. G. Easterbrook.
Collection.
Singing—"Christ the Lord today is Risen" by choir.
Benediction.

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Jas. M. Belknap is putting up a new house on South street.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Leonard's last Tuesday.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

XI.

BRICK MAKING.—The first burning of brick in kilns of any magnitude was first commenced upon the "Brown brick-yard" in the year 1780. Mr. N. Brown at that time purchasing the land of Jedediah Marcy, (grandfather of Jedediah Marcy now living in our town.) The demand for brick in those days was not very extensive and only one or two small kilns were required in a season. The brick yard estate has been owned by Dr. Harrington, Otis Bacon, Carpenter Clarke, Westley Ide, Alvin & Chancy Brown, all of whom manufactured brick upon the premises; after this G. A. Dresser purchased Alvin Brown's interest for the sum of $1 6 .0, and carried on the business three years, manufacturing about two millions of bricks each year. Mr. Dresser purchased of Carpenter Clarke the water power upon the easterly side of the high-way, running the saw mill and flowing the meadow and clay pits upon the Brown estate. Mr. Dresser also bought of Lucinda Keith the house and barn, with five acres of land, known as the Abija Richardson estate. Mr. Richardson, years before this time, having been engaged in the manufacture of scythes and doing quite an extensive business. While the brick-yard was in possession of Otis Bacon's heirs William Edwards carried on the business.

In the fall of 1870 Mr. Dresser bought Chancy Brown's interest, for the sum of $1,600. Mr. Dresser continued the business only one year, burning 1,800,000 bricks. In the fall of 1872 Mr. Dresser sold all the above named property for the sum of $12-000 to Thomas Potter and L. M. Litchfield, who commenced the business under the firm name of the Southbridge Brick Company. Early in the spring of 1865 close observers might have noticed two individuals, late at night, with lantern and a very long auger in hand, perambulating the valley north of the Deacon Sumner estate, and occasionally boring into the bowels of the earth, then carefully examining the "chips" and depositing the same in a large tin pail. A good part of the night was passed in exploring the said locality, resulting in the finding of extensive deposits of the best of material for brick manufacture. The men engaged in this secret search for clay were William B. Potter and Leonard Cutler, and but few knew the result of their midnight hunt until Mr. Potter had associated himself with Sylvester Dresser, and under the name of Potter & Dresser had commenced the grading of the brick yard just north of our center.

Mr. Potter successfully worked the yard in company with Dresser for a year or more, putting into market a more superior quality of brick than had been in use in this vicinity. A sample of the first kiln burnt upon the new yard can now be seen in Hartwell's Block, corner of Main and Central streets. It is very rarely that hand-struck brick of better color, finish, or quality are to be found.

(To be continued.)

SOUTHBRIDGE.

XI.

BRICK MAKING.—(Concluded.)

Potter & Litchfield also fitted up and worked a yard near Potter & Dresser's, manufacturing brick during the years 1871, 1872, and 1873, but having nearly exhausted the supply of clay upon the land of Ruggles W. Morse, they vacated the premises and having greatly improved and enlarged the Brown yard, doubling its capacity for brick making, they confined their business to the same. They also drained the pits, greatly facilitating the digging of material. During the past year they have also widened and graded the highway, making a decided improvement in the condition of the road leading from our town to West Woodstock; the town of Southbridge having generously appropriated a sufficient sum for the purpose, and all are satisfied that the money was well and properly expended.

The Southbridge Brick Company have, notwithstanding the general dulness of the past season, burned and shipped per New York & New England railroad nearly three millions of handsome brick, employing fifty men in conducting the business. The C. A. Dresser House, Edwards House, Baptist and Union churches, Public Library and several other public buildings are a fair sample of the product of the yard, and they show as good a quality of brick as are made by any brick makers in the State.

Since the retiring of W. B. Potter from the firm of Potter & Dresser Sylvester Dresser has continued the business upon a large scale, burning not far from four millions of brick each season; part of the time also working a yard at New Boston.

The supply of clay is inexhaustible both in the locality of Dresser's yard and upon the Brown estate, and there seems no reason why the business cannot or will not be a lucrative one for a long time to come, the demand will of course regulate the supply, but we can see no reason why our companies interested in the manufacture of brick cannot successfully compete with any others, railroad facilities being equal.

We look forward to a time, we hope not to be very far distant, when our town can boast of more than one means of communicating with towns all about us, as at present our facilities can only be classed as fair.

There are extensive deposits of clay all around us. The yard of Thomas Talbot, just west of us, has also placed in market a large amount of brick. The new buildings of the Hamilton Woolen Company and the Southbridge Print Works being constructed of bricks from Talbot's yard.

We hope to see our town one of the largest brick markets in the county.

—Blanchard Bros. have just put in their store the latest improved cash carrier system extant. The system comes from the Rapid Service Store Railway Company, factory at Detroit, Michigan. E. R. Clark of Boston is one of the eastern agents. They have four lines or sections in their store, all concentrating at the office, where the cash and checks are received in a car similar in appearance to an inverted roller skate. There is a cup attached to the car, in which are put the cash and checks. The motive power comes from a rubber spring about ten inches long, which, when pulled down and the car released, gives it sufficient momentum to travel on a single wire to its destination. It is a very rapid system and has many advantages over the so-called inclined systems in operation. Southbridge does not mean to keep behind, and the business men do their best to keep up with all the improvements of the age. Everybody is invited to go in and see the system in operation, as Blanchard Bros. will be pleased to show its labor-saving work. Sept. 18 [illegible]

Herbert L. Litchfield of Southbridge, who is just recovering from a severe illness, is visiting at his wife's home in Dudley. Sept. [illegible]

as we have enjoyed; and we earnestly hope to see them in a more commodious and better building before many years have passed. Dear Classmates—The time has come for us to say farewell to the places and faces that have grown so dear to us, and to the memories of the fourteen, who, though not of us to-night, we feel belong to us. We stand on the threshold of a new life. Let us not forget the object of education. What shall be the fruit that will grow from the seed that has been so generously and carefully sown; will the disipline and training we have received make us more faithful to our duties and more intelligently helpful to our neighbors? If so, we may hope to hear the Master's "well done" when we shall have said the last "farewell."

At its finale the presentation of diplomas was made by Mr. J. J. Oakes, chairman of the committee, with the following remarks;

Members of the class of 1886. The duty devolves upon me of performing the last official act which terminates your connection with and completes your graduation from the Southbridge High School. That you deserve and have earned the reward signified by the diplomas we present, your very creditable efforts this evening and your record of rank, scholarship, deportment and attendance during your entire course are your best witnesses and fully entitle you to receive from us these testimonials. You have been faithful, fortunate and successful. The first of these conditions lay entirely in your power to develop. This you have done. The second is the blessing of health and strength from an all wise Providence that has permitted you to accomplish the work required. Your success is the consequence of these improved by you so completely. Indeed this is the exact meaning of these papers to which we have placed our names, confident that they are deservedly merited by you all. Personally, I feel a special interest in this class, as the term of your entrance to the High School and my connection with the School Board are identical, and whatever degree of success you may have achieved, I have, I think, a justifiable pride in claiming my proportionate share of the credit regarding your success as a product of our administration. In honoring yourselves, you have likewise all of those who have had charge of your instruction, your school, and the name and fame of your town. In behalf of the committee I thank and congratulate you, and may this victory in your first trial for public honors inspire you to renewed action in either further study or in the application of the principles you have learned in the actual practice of the duties of life, and may equal success attend your efforts; such is the earnest desire of your friends the committee.

The class song composed by Miss Emma P. Coombs, (an intended graduate of this class but compelled to resign by reason of ill health) was a pleasing composition nicely adapted to the occasion, and very ably rendered. Benediction being pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Pomfret, the exercises were brought to a close, with not a blemish occuring through the entire evenings entertainment that could in any possible manner mar the harmonious feelings existing between the graduates and their friends. The friends of each graduate showed due appreciation of their best efforts by presenting them with numerous boquets and baskets of flowers. The names of the seven graduates of the class of 1886 are Misses Edith Jane Bartholomew, Alice Belle Booth, Grace May Johnson, Agnes Mary Meagher, Ida Marion Plimpton, Margaret Scott Simpson, and Mr. Wilford Jacob Litchfield.

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It is reported that Mr. White, formerly of White & Company, is to return to town.

Dresser and Spencer are operating skating rinks in East Douglas, Uxbridge and other places.

Wm. McGilpin fell Tuesday evening in front of his home and broke a leg near the ankle. It was set the same evening.

Luther S. Howlett, formerly of this town, and in recent years editor at Louisville, Ky., and Washington, D. C., is thought to stand a good chance of being selected as Governor Newell's successor as governor of Washington Territory.

The consolidation of the commonwealth's business in a single building near the state house has so facilitated the transaction of business that several officers were found unnecessary. Unfortunately among the number was that of storekeeper of seized liquors held by S. P. Irwin, jr., of this town.

Charles H. Bassett, formerly of this town, latterly express messenger from Fitchburg to Boston, was Wednesday night taken to Boston by officers, charged with being accessory to the death of Elmira J. Talbot, who died in Boston Saturday night, the victim of malpractice.

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Masonic meeting advertised in another column.

Wm. McGilpin represents the Southbridge lodge in the county Odd Fellows Relief association.

A council of the Home Circle has been formed in town, and will occupy the rooms in Union block, over J. S. Gleason's store, formerly used as library rooms.

At a meeting held Jan. 3 the following Officers of Crystal Springs division, No. 66, Sons of Temperance, were installed:

W. P.—James N. Larned.
W. A.—Edgar Eccleston.
R. S.—Charles D. Bartlett.
A. R. S.—Rose Bacon.
Treas.—A. V. Andrews.
F. S.—A. B. Smith.
Chap.—Rev. Frank Magwire.
I. S.—M. Irwin Tourtellotte.
O. S.—Oscar F. Barrett.
R. G. D.—James N. Larned.

On Tuesday evening the following officers of Southbridge lodge, I. O. O. F., were installed by Deputy Grand Master John W. McKinstry:

N. G.—James Taylor.
V. G.—George W. Cady.
Rec. Sec.—Marcus L. Dillaber.
Per. Sec.—Charles L. Newhall.
Treas.—Dr. Samuel S. Silva.
Warden—Herbert A. Dresser.
O. G.—Peter Sinclair.
I. G.—Alexander Searles.
R. S. N. G.—William S. Robinson.
L. S. N. G.—Edward M. Litchfield.
R. S. S.—Oscar F. Barrett.
L. S. S.—Ernest L. Gay.
Organist—Thomas F. Miller.

A company of about thirty from this town drove to the Elms, Sturbridge, Tuesday evening, to meet Mr. and Mrs. Conant of Dudley and their friends who had driven over with a four-in-hand. After an hour of sociability the party sat down to a sumptuous dinner. At its conclusion they adjourned to the hall and listened to singing by Miss Crane and reading by Miss Nettie Taylor, both of which were loudly applauded, and highly praised. The "outing" was very enjoyable and extremely satisfactory, a most pleasnreable break in the social monotony which has prevailed so long. Aug. 11. 1884

We are indebted to Rev. A. G. Upham for a copy of the program of the festivities in Montreal carnival week, February 4 to 9. He writes: "We are well, busy, and happy. The JOURNAL is a welcome visitor." He expects to see some Southbridge people in Montreal during the carnival. 1884

Fanny Fiske: 46 years.

Railroad Accident.

The first serious accident that ever happened to a passenger train on the branch, or in which a large number of Southbridge people were interested, happened last Saturday morning. As the first train from Southbridge, in charge of Conductor Densmore, was nearing Quinebaug station, the locomotive on passing over the switch to E. S. Stevens' mill, broke the switch rod and the tender, and both passenger cars left the track. They ran on the sleepers about 250 feet, when the coupling between the tender and the cars broke, and the latter were overturned down the bank. They struck a telegraph pole which eased the fall and prevented their making more than a partial revolution. The run on the ties had also deadened the speed so much that the results were less disastrous than might otherwise have been. Express Agent Foley who was near an open door jumped from the cars just as they upset. He with Engineer Larned and Fireman Cameron, were the only ones not in the wreck. They found the cars resting partly on the side and partly on the top, and soon broke into them and began assisting the passengers out.

Conductor Densmore as soon as possible got to the telephone at Wheelock's store and reported the news to the telegraph office. Doctors from East Woodstock and Southbridge were also summoned. Dr. F. H. Olin of the former place arrived in from fifteen to twenty minutes. Drs. Bulfinch, Bradford and Allen from Southbridge were also prompt on hand. The following is a list of the passengers and their injuries:

Geo. W. Wells, uninjured.

Mrs. Wells, slight injuries about face.

Channing Wells, unhurt.

Dr. J. McGregory at first appeared to have only slight bruises about his back and shoulders, but his injuries have since become more painful, and he is now confined to his bed.

Mr. and Mrs. James Howard, slight bruises.

Mrs. Sarah J. Frost, Sandersdale, severe scalp wound and slight body bruises. She was much prostrated from loss of blood.

Mrs. Ruth Paine, Southbridge, broken wrist and a few cuts on the head.

Wm. E. Alden, unhurt.

S. S. Perry, bruises.

P. M. Clarke, slight sprain of arm.

Edw. Hill and Charles Vickers, two prisoners that officers Clarke and Perry were escorting to the house of correction, received slight cuts and bruises.

Miss Annie Ryan and Miss Alice Udell, unhurt.

Frank E. Brooks, bruised slightly about the head.

Morris Capistrand, foot slightly injured.

—— Lovalley, slight cuts and bruises.

—— Lamont, uninjured.

A man and wife traveling on a free pass on account of O'Brien's circus, were unhurt.

Lena Brown, slight bruises on hand.

Henry Washburn, finger cut.

Geo. A. Hanson, Minneapolis, unhurt.

Mitchel Oakes, wife and sister, all unhurt.

Dr. Buckland, Woonsocket, slight injury to one hand.

J. W. Phelps, Hyde Park, salesman for Borne, Scrymser & Co., New York, severely injured about head and internal injuries feared at first, but is now doing well at the Dresser House.

Edw. Cady, Meriden, hurt about legs and body badly bruised.

Conductor A. E. Densmore and baggage master Geo. H. Hunt, were cut and bruised about hands, face and body. Mr. Hunt was covered up with baggage.

The appearance of the inside of the wrecked cars when first opened, was a sight beyond description. Bleeding humanity and debris were mingled in general confusion. The active, cool-headed exertions of the conductor and train men, together with the assistance of those who happened to be gathered from the vicinity, soon had the cars emptied, and the injuries were found much fewer than was feared. The officers of the road acted with great promptness, and a special train was sent from East Thompson to the wreck for passengers, and a wrecking train from Putnam under charge of Road Supervisor Daggett, arrived about ten o'clock. The track was badly torn up, but all the section men on the branch were set at work and it was cleared up by noon.

As soon as the news was received by telephone there was the intensest excitement about town, and the JOURNAL counting room was soon crowded with an anxious throng of people desirous of information about friends and others. The news was promptly furnished and given to the public.

General Superintendent W. H. Turner and Adjuster H. E. Bolles have been in town this week settling with the injured parties and have adjusted all the cases except two or three for less than $1000. The damage to cars and locomotive is from $300 to $500.

Monday afternoon the state railroad commissioners in a special car visited the scene of the casualty and Tuesday held an investigation in Boston. All the evidence was to the effect that the cars were derailed by the locomotive's breaking a switch rod, which was defective. The defect was of such a nature that it could not have been discovered by any ordinary inspection.

All things considered, the accident was a very fortunate one, as it might have resulted very much more disastrously.

Y. M. C. A.

The social reception held at the rooms last Friday evening, drew together a large number of the members and friends of the association. At 8 o'clock the following program was presented, which was received with evident enjoyment:

1 Piano Solo,
Miss May Oldham.
2 Duet—"The Rhine Maidens." *Glover.*
Misses Minnie and Mattie Searles.
3 Harmonica Solo,
I. M. Tourtellotte.
4 Solo—"Zara the Gypsy." *White.*
Miss Minnie Searles.
5 Swinging of Indian Clubs.
P. Benway.
6 Reading—"Washington." *Sparks.*
F. M. Smith.
7 Recitation—"Napoleon's Return." *Wallace.*
U. A. Goodell.
8 Singing—"America," in concert.

There were 515 present at the gospel song service in Edwards Opera house last Sunday evening. Rev. Dr. Mallalieu of Boston gave the address, bringing out with forcible illustrations the importance of the present age. The congregational singing was interspersed with two good selections by the Baptist quartet, "High in the heavens," and "Protect us through the coming night." Prayer was offered by Rev. G. Beekman.

Rink Items.

The polo club play the Spingfields at Springfield Monday, Jan. 4.

At the calico carnival Mary Northup took the prize for having the handsomest costume, and Annie Bump of Sturbridge for the most comical.

Miss Loura Chandler of Worcester will give an exhibition of trick and fancy skating at the rink next Saturday efternoon and evening. Miss Chandler has been under the instruction of Prof. Aginton the best skater in America, for the past three months, and she is pronounced to be a very fine skater by all who have seen her. Her costumes are noticeable.

as we have enjoyed; and we earnestly [illegible] actual practice of the duties of life, and

THE QUINEBAUG.

High jinks by this staid old stream.

Last Sunday will be a day long to be remembered not only for the amount of water running in the Quinebaug—the most ever known—but for the anxiety and watchful hours among mill men. The sources of the river and the stream itself were all full from the freshet of last week Wednesday and were illy prepared for another liquid visitation in the same week. At an early hour Saturday night and Sunday morning the reservoirs supplying the river were visited. Holland was pronounced secure. Mashapaug was reached just in time to avert trouble as the water had commenced to work through the gravel bank. Long Pond was deemed safe. From all of these unprecedentedly large streams were flowing and the embankments were carefully watched as a precautionary measure. Above Fiskdale the roads were covered in many places. A careful watch was kept all Saturday night lest the water should rise enough to get into the weave room of No. 2 mill which is located quite low. But little damage was done here however. The water on Monday was too high to run all the machinery in the mills. Had it been a few inches higher the canal at the auger shops could not have kept the water out of the road and much damage might have ensued. At David Wight's saw mill the lumber floated round promiscuously and considerable was carried off. The principal excitement and anxiety however was below where Cedar brook empties into the Quinebaug. Cedar pond is a natural reservoir which has been enlarged by an artificial dam so as to cover some 50 acres. It belongs to the Hamilton Woolen company. Here a small stream early started between the flume and the bank. It was rapidly made larger and the gentlemen in charge of it who had been summoned there had barely time to get off the embankment before some thirty feet of it east of the gateway was broken away. The pond was finally lowered about 6 feet. The bridges across the road below dammed the water for a time but were soon swept off and the road was so gullied as to be impassable. The water rushed on to join the Quinebaug. At the poor farm bridge the road was several feet under water and some gentlemen on the way to Southbridge from Mashapaug had a serious time in getting through. At the old "pail mill" privilege everything was under water and some lumber floated off. The low river side road from there to Westville was submerged to a considerable depth.

The dam at Westville was considered a weak point and from this was the principal fear of the day. Those best acquainted with the river felt no great alarm from Cedar itself—but should its quota of water so increase the stream as to tear away the dam at Westville or wash round it it would be hard to foretell the damage. At one time the water did overflow from the river into the highway and running round the end of the rollway threatened to soon tear away a large path for itself, which would result in finally taking the dam. This leak was stopped and a sufficient bank erected to hold all increase. The flats below Westville were well flooded; and even the next day there was too much water for the shuttle shop.

At Southbridge the news of the break at Cedar pond was promptly received and for most of the forenoon all was hurry and excitement; men and teams were hurrying hither and thither, very much unlike Sunday. An embankment was built in West street, on the side of the big pond, to confine the water within limits should it rise above the bounds of the pond. At all of the Hamilton Woolen Company's dams the waste gates were opened to the fullest extent, and the mill wheels were all run to take as much water as possible that way. The water of Cedar was about four hours reaching Southbridge, but it had been so spread on on the way as to make but a slight rise. And the afternoon rise in the river below was more caused by the unusual amount let through waste gates and wheels than the break at Cedar. The Hamilton Woolen Company's teams and men were watching and working all day. Never before was the river known to be so high, and it was a grand sight to see the five feet of water fall over the 100-foot rollway at the big pond. At the shoddy mill the foot bridge near F. Ryan's shop was under water, and it served as a dam, throwing the water into the burling-room, where was stored much cloth in the gray being made ready after leaving the weavers for the printers. The water in this room was some two feet deep. About four o'clock in the afternoon the foot bridge was swept away and carried down stream. At the new mill dam during the afternoon it was discovered that the water had commenced to gully under the frozen ground where the rollway and embankment joined. Some 20 loads of rocks were quickly dumped in here. Similar trouble was feared at the old "Paige mill" dam where the end of the gravel part of the dam was protected by means of sacking. The flats in the rear of the Columbian pond were one vast lake presenting a never to be forgotten sight. This dam was considered in danger at several times. Here it was feared that the priming was not perfectly sound and precautions were taken against washing at the ends of the rollway. The meadows back of the Columbian mill were completely submerged. At the Southbridge print works 'twas water everywhere. The road approaching them near the railroad was flooded, as were the flats above and below the bridge. One end of the upper dam was somewhat broken, and the Lebanon brook dam gave away. One of the abutments of the Sandersdale bridge was ruined leaving the structure hanging from the other abutment and the pier. At West Dudley no damage was done to the manufacturing property, as the dams and flumes were perfectly safe. The only danger which threatened was the contingency that the water might rise enough to run over the gravel embankment, it lacking only two or three inches at one time. A temporary superstructure of plank and gravel was built upon it. The town bridges here were under water, and the highway badly gullied. At Quinebaug no damage was done, neither is any reported at New Boston.

This section of the Quinebaug may think itself very fortunate that no serious damage ensued from the enormous amount of water which flowed past on Sunday. By good management none of the dams gave way, and one standing all stood. The banks of the river through all the villages which it passed were literally lined with spectators all the day. Had the river been filled with ice many dams and bridges would have been ruined. The water commenced to fall from three to five o'clock in the afternoon. Mar. 26. 1876.

Rev. H. Martial, who was killed at Grosvenordale last week, was well known in this town, which he has visited several times. He delivered the address here at the annual fete of the Societe St. Jean Baptiste last July. He has been pastor of the Catholic church since its establishment in Grosvenordale and was indefatigable in furthering the interests of his parish. During his residence there a convent has been built and a mission established at Mechanicsville. The deceased was a native of Belgium, a man of genial disposition and much learning, spoke French fluently and ranked among the leading parish priests of this part of New England. Mar. 18 2

had control of the Senate. And you know that it is a law of our government that no money bill, no tariff bill or no financial measure whatever can be enacted except it originate in the lower house. So that when speakers come here and tell you that the republicans did not inaugurate this or that measure that would have been for the public welfare you can tell them the reason why. I wish to speak upon the tariff question, a measure in which every one in Massachusetts is intensely interested. But before coming to the discussion of this question I wish to say a word about state politics. The republicans have had an unbroken rule of this state for the last 30 years. Men of Massachusetts do you wish to continue this rule? You are to decide whether that sort of men like John F. Andrew who believes that the rumsellers should rule the city of Boston are to rule the state. This democratic party is controled by the liquor dealers of Boston. There are 2000 licensed rumsellers in the city, sixteen men act as bonds-men for nearly all the number, now supposing that each rumseller controls ten votes then the total number would control twenty thousand votes. Take that number away from the democratic party and there would not be many left. The force on one side is the rum shop. The school house and the the church are on the other side. Touching upon national affairs he spoke of the courtesy of the republican senate toward Cleveland. How at the death of Hendricks they of their own account took the vice-presidency from themselve and confered it upon Cleveland's advisors. The republican senate extended the time of Cleveland's term from March 4 to April 13. When Manning was stricken down they created a new assistant secretary-ship for the treasury department. But in spite of all this we are accused of indecent and improper criticism of him. There is not a mugwump living that dares to stand up and defend a single measure for which we have criticised him. I don't like his foreign policy in regard to Canada, and I can't help thinking of what Blaine (applause) would have done were he in Cleveland's place. I don't think much of Vilas' administration of the post-office department. Nor of Garland of Pan-electric fame. The speaker closed this part of his speech by the most scathing rebuke of the miserable sham and hypocrisy of Cleveland's civil service declarations. The major part of Mr. Hoar's speech related to the tariff. He mentioned the recent visit of John E. Russell to this town and showed up the shallowness of many of the theories advanced by that gentleman. Russell he said stood upon a platform for revenue only the same that had been advocated by the democratic party for the past twelve years. Secretary Manning says we need to tax only a few score articles and his statement is endorsed by Cleleland. Now the difference in the theories of the two parties is this: the democrats want a duty on imports simply to support the government, while the republicans want a duty imposed that will develope and [illegible] home industries and dignify labor. In personal affairs we employ the most skilful physician, lawyer or engineer, then do you distrust me when I tell you I want that system of government that will have for its prime idea the dignity and welfare of labor? Proceeding Mr. Hoar contrasted the condition of affairs in this country to those of Europe where their pride was in historic places and buildings, in music, painting and statuary but here in our own land our chief pride was in our glorious manhood. He said in preference to all their paintings I would rather see the picture of health painted on the cheeks of our factory girls, rather than their noted building. I would have the the homes of our people perfected. I am willing to forego all music if I can hear the songs of happy children. Mr. Hoar here gave a very replete account of the enormous resources of the British empire. He gave the number of square miles of territory in her possessions with their population. The number and importance of the high ways upon the seas that were under her control. He told the reasons why free trade was advantageous to England but would be detrimental to this country. The speaker recited at length the progress of our material growth since the adoption of the existing tariff of 1860.

It was past ten o'clock when Gen. Swift was introduced, he did not speak any great length, but what he did say was brimful of sound sense and genuine wit. His description and definition of a mugwump was indeed painfully grave and sublime.

The Circle Canadian gave a reception to Mr. Gagnon, at the conclusion of the entertainment last week. There was a large number in attendance at the club room; the exercises included vocal and instrumental music. At the conclusion the company adjourned from the club rooms to Bowlen's dining rooms for a supper.

On motion of Representative Chapin the House of Representatives, Wednesday, ordered the committee on election laws to consider the expediency of so changing the law that the registering of voters shall be done by a board of registration consisting of members from each of the leading politica parties.

A party of fourteen of the favorite and promising sons of Southbridge and known as the Mud Turtle club, partook of a sumptuous game supper at Mr. Sabin's place, Walker Pond, Tuesday evening. After the repast the members of the club listened in breathless silence and with moistened eyes to the execution of several solos on the harmonica by one of their members. The club also watched the gyrations of its own pet mud-turtle with great glee and satisfaction.

The Philo-Chorians hop at the Dresser house tonight.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

There will be a meeting for men only at the rooms next Monday evening from 8 to 9 o'clock. Topic: "Don't Yield." Jer. xx:8 11. All men cordially welcome.

Boy's meeting on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Fifteen new members were received into the association at the monthly business meeting.

Rev. O. P. Gifford of Boston will lecture on "The problem of life: or an evening with Robinson Crusoe" in the Edwards opera house next Tuesday evening Dec. 7th. The lecturer has an excellent reputation as a platform speaker, and all who hear him will surely find him a most entertaining and instructive lecturer. A select orchestra under the leadership of F. W. Rowley will treat the audiance to some fine music preceding the lecture. This entertainment is the second in this season's star course. Any members who have not tickets should make it known to the secretary or at the ticket office on the evening of the lecture.

A Rural Park.

The recent action of the trustees of the Worcester South Agricultural society in voting to set out trees on its grounds is an eminently proper one. The aims of the society being educational, we trust those having the matter in charge will endeavor to secure the best result from the above action. As a means to this we would advise the setting out of as large a variety of trees as possible, and not follow the too common one of planting so many maples and elms. New varieties of trees are being introduced and the society's grounds are an excellent place to test their merits. We hope to see some evergreens also included in the list. Many of the larger growing shrubs would look well in different spots of the ground, especially those that would be in flower at the time of the fair. Both the common and botanical name of each tree should be attached to it and other information that would be of special interest.

The passenger depot is soon to receive a thorough renovation; a new foundation of stone and brick is to be built under the entire building and new end doors are to be added, new floors are also to be laid throughout. The building is to be replastered, and repainted both inside and outside. It will be lighted with gas and in addition two jets will be placed outside the building one at each end, which will prove a great convenience to the hackmen and others having business at the depot on the arrival of the evening trains. Station Agent Martin is deserving the thanks of the community for having brought about these "reforms." The freight depot is also to be repainted.

Obituary:

It is with the deepest regret that we are called upon to record the death of Mrs. Martha S. Morse, who died at the advanced age of 66 years, 9 months and 25 days. She was the wife of Hiram Morse and mother of seven children, among whom are William and Henry, of the firm of Morse Bros. Mrs. Morse was born in Pittsfield, Mass., August 13, 1812, and was married November, 1834. She spent the last twenty-nine years of her life in Southbridge at the place of her death. The deceased is spoken of as one of the best of women, kindest of neighbors and most affectionate of mothers. This is the first link in the family chain broken—a wife gone, a mother taken away, and none but the saddest of hearts are left to mourn her loss. She had endeared herself to a large circle of friends by her many amiable qualities and charitable disposition, to whom she ever had a kind word to speak and smiling countenance to welcome them whenever they met at her hospitable home. A large number assembled to pay the last tribute of respect which assumed every expression that the sincerest affection could suggest. Arrayed by loving hands from the home and friends from afar were the choicest flowers bedecking her form. Though she could speak no more it needed but little imagination to suggest that the spirit of the departed one was on its way to the joys of its heavenly home. *June, 1879.* **

From the Worcester *Gazette's* weather record for December, we learn that the temperature for the month has been below the mean; the range has been from –12 to 5, with two cold waves, showing a very changeable month. The annual mean precipitation of rain and melted snow is 44.07 inches, in 1884 it was 43.29. The smallest of which there is any record is 1878 with 28.77 and the largest is 1852 with 61.48 inches.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

Socially the present season is a failure.

Monte Cristo drew a very small house.

The officers of the G. A. R. are installed this evening.

The Hamilton Woolen company's print works start Monday.

The town clock has been silent and still for the past week.

The new mill pond was well covered with skaters last Sunday.

The presentation of the championship badges to the polo team (the proceeds of their benefit) took place at the rink last Saturday evening. The attendance, though small, were enthusiastic and sincere, giving the boys quite an ovation on making their appearance to receive the trophies. On account of the unavoidable absence of a gentleman well known in athletic circles, E. W. Winter, at a very short notice, was called upon to make the presentation, and addressed the successful players as follows:

Gentlemen of the Polo Team:

It gives me great pleasure to act, in behalf of the management of the Gem rink, in presenting to you these mementoes of your skill and ability as polo players; and let me say here that you have well and ably earned the honor conferred upon you by this testimonial, and if there be somewhat of pleasure to you at this time, closing your most successful season, believe me that it is only a *shadow* of the great pleasure which is *reflected* in the minds of the people of the good old town which you have so faithfully represented.

The unprecedented record of thirteen games won, of meeting every opponent without a single defeat, has cast credit, not only upon yourselves but upon us all. In ancient times, when nations desired to stand high among nations, they took good care to train their young men that they might be strong and hardy, and the athletic sports received the attention which they merited. Not alone was the education of the mind considered by the Greeks and Romans, but the body was trained that, by strong and healthy physical condition, they might be able to carry out to the fullest that which the mind planned; and history has taught us that these people were right. You, by your attention and conduct in this sport, become educators. By friendly contests you set in motion a current of interest which leads others to emulate your example. Desire to lead, to become first, lends zeal to the pleasure; and many a young man, who would in idleness and lack of occupation in sports of this kind, be led into dissipation and degradation may be, is saved to become strong and useful in a vigorous manhood.

You have then, gentlemen, the satisfaction of knowing that, aside from the gratification which your success has brought to you, you have given new strength, new impetus, to the honest and manly sport of polo; and in after years when, as older men you look back upon these days, this reminder, which is presented to you tonight, will afford undoubted proof that you have well merited a just praise.

Gentlemen, I have the honor to present you these medals.

Mr. Winter then presented the gold badges to the team in the following order: H. W. Bacon, captain and 1st rusher; Marcus Dillaber, 2nd rusher; Levi Lovely, half-back; Henry Albee, point; Alfred Morton, cover point; P. Duquette, goal. After the presentation the team divided (three on each side) and gave an exhibition game of foot-ball polo. The Blacks secured the first goal in 3m., the Reds made the second goal in 5m., the Blacks getting the third goal and game in 3m. 30s. Time of game, 14m. H. Bacon made the first and third, Albee the second.

Business Change.

A business change is announced in another column, of much interest both in a business point of view and as a matter of historic sentiment. For years John Edwards was *the* merchant of the town, who by his enterprise and far-sighted sagacity built a large store and developed an immense trade from this and the surrounding towns. C. V. Carpenter was a partner of Mr. Edwards for ten years, and for eleven years more was the senior partner of the firm of Carpenter, Irwin & Co., which succeeded Edwards & Co. On the dissolution of the firm Mr. Carpenter opened a store in Whitford's block, where his new stock, square dealing, one price system, and assiduous attention to the public wants, caused him to build up a very large and increasing business, for which his accommodations have become entirely inadequate. Meanwhile the old store had a series of misfortunes, and an unfortunate career generally, which culminated in the selling out at a great sacrifice of all the old stock to Jordan, Marsh & Co. of Boston. Mr. Carpenter now purposes to move back to the old stand with which he was identified for so many years, where the enlarged rooms and better accommodations, coupled with his business experience and square one-price methods, will enable him, we trust, to do a successful and augmented business, and attract to town an increasing amount of outside trade. Mr. Carpenter needs no introduction to the public from the JOURNAL He is too well known to need any words from us. We congratulate him on getting back to the old stand and extend our best wishes.

A select social assembly, under the management of F. D. Dresser, F. S. Paige and C. C. Bradford, will be held at the Dresser house this evening.

A very pleasant party of about fifteen couples from the Brimfield High school visited the C. A. Dresser house, Tuesday.

A quartet has been organized to be known as the "Apollo Male Quartet," composed of the following: 1st tenor, John Taylor; 2d tenor, J. C. F. Wheelock; 1st bass, C. D. Monroe; 2d bass, E. W. Winter.

DELEGATES. — J. J. Oakes, Fred Crosby, Geo. F. Wall, and S. P. Irwin, Jr., represented the democratic party of this town at the convention at Webster last Monday.

Obituary.

LIBYA M. LITCHFIELD.

Libya M. Litchfield, who was one of the founders of the Litchfield shuttle manufacturing enterprise in this place in March, 1843, and from that time until five or six years ago actively connected with it, died in this place Nov. 29. He was born in Charlton, Aug. 4, 1819, son of Comins Litchfield, a carpenter by trade. His next elder brother, Leroy Litchfield, and Schuyler Whitney, a brother-in-law, while quite young men engaged for a time in the business of making augers at the Wilkinsonville shuttle works in Sutton, Mass., but shortly abandoned it and went to work for the shuttle company and learned that trade there. After working there about ten years they came to Southbridge in March, 1843, and in company with Pliny, Festus C., and Libya M. Litchfield started the manufacturing of shuttles. They first commenced business in a brick building in the print-works yard at Globe Village, now used for folding cloths. The woolen works of the company were then all located in that yard. Where the counting-room now stands was then the planing mill operated by James Gleason. The wood building opposite, now the carpenter shop of the company, was then used for weaving.

In 1846 the Litchfields purchased the grounds and privilege where their works are now located on the Quinebaug River —then known as the Ryder pistol shop, but which was built originally for a cotton mill and used for that purpose for a time —and the same has been used as a shuttle shop ever since. The first company name was L. & P. Litchfield & Co. About the time of this change Pliny Litchfield sold out his interest to his brother Liberty, and the style of the firm became Litchfield & Co. Leroy died in 1860 and Schuyler Whitney retired in 1862, and the brothers, Liberty, Libya M., and Festus C., became sole proprietors. In 1878 they organized into a corporation with a capital of $21,000, called the Litchfield Shuttle Co. In 1878 Liberty died, and in 1880 Libya M. disposed of his stock. Festus C. died in 1883. Pliny T. Litchfield, son of Liberty, Frank C., son of Festus, and John M. Cheney, son-in-law of Liberty, are now the chief owners of the concern and conduct the business.

The family of Comins Litchfield was quite large. The sons were all industrious, intelligent, honest, right-minded men, of great firmness, energy and determination, and naturally ingenious, with strong inclinations to mechanics. They were devoted to their kindred, and may be said to have been remarkable for their strong fraternal, family attachments that seemed to instinctively draw them together, not only in business matters but into very close, undisturbed social relations all their lives, as the sketch above fully indicates; and so long as he could labor Libya M. never, to the day of his death, lost his interest in this enterprise of theirs, or ceased to be a help and an advisor acceptable to his associates. There was another characteristic of this family; they were all admirers of good horses. They were all good horsemen and the owners of good horses, one or more. Each had his sleek, well-fed and groomed fast-going horse—sound and kind—and took great satisfaction and pleasure in driving on the roads.

The original partners were mainly millwrights, and coming into frequent contact with manufacturers and learning their needs of a better shuttle than was then made, conceived the idea of engaging in the business to supply that demand. Their aim was to make the best possible shuttle, and they never deviated from that purpose. They were successful therein and soon secured a reputation that placed them at the head of the shuttle manufacturers of the country, in the quality of their work. They have designed and provided their shop with a great variety of ingenious machinery for their work, and secured patents on the "Litchfield spindle" in 1851 and 1855—the successful devices of Leroy—that made their shuttle famous throughout the United States and Canada. The company make shuttles for weaving cotton, woolen, silk, linen and jute, adapted to all looms and all grades of goods in the classes named.

They have also worked exclusively on orders, and have never carried shuttles in stock. The company employ from 25 to 40 men, and the enterprise is one of the best established, prosperous and important in the town. Libya M. Litchfield contributed to it his full share of service in building it up and maintaining its prosperous career.

Mr. Litchfield was for several years engaged in business as grocer with Thomas Fowler, and afterwards in the brick-making business with the same partner at the Brown brick-yard, which they owned and greatly improved. Not, however, undertaking it until depressing prices began to overtake them, that enterprise entailed upon him considerable pecuniary losses.

Mr. Litchfield had all the family traits of character we have named. He was a liberal-minded, generous-hearted man—pleasant and cheerful in manner and habit —and thoroughly conscientious and honest in his dealings with men.

Mr. Litchfield was a life-long Universalist, having been one who contributed to the erection of their house of worship, and for years was one of the leading supporters of the society.

He was married January 1, 1846, to Miss Chloe Bates, daughter of Capt. Jacob Bates of Webster, by whom he had five sons and one daughter, of whom four sons survive him. His widow and family will have the sympathy of the community generally in their affliction. But they should be comforted by the assurance that he had lived a life in town that had won the respect and regard of the people here, and all who knew him. A. J. B.

Funeral services will be held at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon from his late residence.

The prohibitionists are organizing for the coming campaign and will meet in council on next Thursday at 7.30 at the Pines. Those of our citizens who believe in voting as they pray as well as those who are in favor of constitutional prohibition are requested to meet at the above place.

twenty minutes of sveen Wednesday evening the tanners escorted by the band left their hall for the depot and Webster. Passing through Main street they saluted the citizens with Roman candles; at the depot a large number were found assembled who were to accompany them. The train was filled to overflowing, 157 was the number of tickets taken, but some persons went on the afternoon train, and other ways, so that the Southbridge delegation was not far from 200. The ride passed quickly and at Webster after some saluting and necessary delays the line of travel was taken up which extended for over five miles—it seemed nearer a hundred to some of the raw recruits! The Worcester, Webster and Southbridge tanners marching in the order of their names. Meantime the assembled multitudes were gathered in Webster Hall, to listen to the excellent address of Gen. John L. Swift and the really fine music by the glee club and Webster band. The houses along the route of march by the procession was generally illuminatkd in a style which spoke well for the patriotism and public spirit of Webster people, some of the designs and inscriptions being very appropriate. The "Goddess of Liberty" was particularly noticeable. The cheering strains of the Worcester and Southbridge bands helped things amazingly, and the echoing reverberations started by the drum corps, must have sounded discording to Greeleyism. After the roads in Webster had been all travelled over, a large and excellent collation was given the tanners in Webster hall to which the "pilgrims and strangers" did ample justice. A line was afterward formed in front of Spaulding's block, and Gen. Swift talked for a few minutes to the tanners, followed by music by the Webster glee club and Worcester band. Cheers were then given for the visiting tanners and bands; and loud and long huzzas for Grant and Wilson completed the program. At the depot amid friendly cheering by guests and visitors the trains for Worcester and Southbridge started home. As a whole the rally can be pronounced a grand success, and all seemed well satisfied.

The great local event of the week, which we have to chronicle to-day, was the eminently happy party of friends who gathered at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Libya M. Litchfield on Monday evening, to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding day. Their residence on South street was packed to overflowing at an early hour with the numerous guests, who met to bring their offerings of love and esteem, and to present their congratulations on this festive occasion. After an hour or two spent by the guests in a social way, all of whom seemed in the best spirits, the assemblage came to order and Rev. Mr. Flint, after a brief prayer, addressed the hosts and said, substantially: "We have assembled here to give you cordial greeting, and, in response not only to your letter of invitation, but also to what we believe to be the spirit of it, we bring our hearts to greet you. We beg you to accept our congratulations that you have arrived at the twenty-fifth milestone of your matrimonial journey, with an abundance of the blessings which the world can bestow. You have been blessed with sincere friends, as this numerous company here bear witness; you have been blessed with health and strength; you have been blessed with children growing up around you, to be the solace of your old age; you have been blessed in basket and in store, and we trust you have been blessed spiritually, also, though that is a matter which pertains to yourself and the infinite Father, in whose keeping we all are. Many couples have stepped into the matrimonial boat that is moored by the river of life, and sailed on without a ripple, but comparatively few among us have reached the goal that marks a quarter of a century. You are among the favored few. We felicitate you, therefore, with greetings, and bring you silver gifts, not for their intrinsic value, but as testimonials of what we feel. We bring you a silver tea-set, and may your tea be more delicious for the next twenty-five years; and then, if our lives are spared, twenty-five years from to-night, we will try to bring you a golden tea-set, and when fifty years shall have passed over your heads, if we are permitted, we will try to bring you diamonds; and after that may you live on to a green old age." Mr. Flint stated that he had a verbal certificate from those who served as attendants on this couple at their wedding twenty-five years ago, and who were now present to act in that capacity. On the strength of this certificate he pronounced the parties married for the remainder of their mortal lives, and expressed a wish that they might in the future be blessed with all needed temporal and spiritual gifts. He then kissed the bride, and invited all present to follow his example, which they seemed quite willing to do. The remarks and the ceremony put the company in a very pleasant mood. Hon. Sylvester Dresser responded in behalf of the host and hostess with brief remarks, after which a procession was formed and the entire company, which is estimated to have included one hundred and seventy-five persons, filed into and through the dining room, where a fairy-like spectacle met their gaze. There were the tables bountifully loaded with edibles and ornamented with beautiful bouquets, arranged in faultless style, gotten up by the celebrated Worcester caterer, Mr. Marrs, who was present with several well-trained assistants, to give *eclat* to this portion of the entertainment. Scolloped oysters, cakes and creams in great variety and foreign fruits were included in the "bill of fare," which was served elegantly. After the repast was concluded, to which all did justice, the festivities continued till the small hours, though the party gradually diminished by those who were compelled to return to their homes. The articles presented were elegant and costly, and Mr. & Mrs. L. can not avoid the inference deducible that they are persons upon whom a high value is set by their friends. There was a beautiful silver set of six pieces, presented by members of the Universalist society, which consisted of coffee-pot, teapot, waterpot, sugar-bowl, slop cup and creamer, each piece of which bore their initial "L," engraved on its side. Other friends and townsmen presented a heavy silver coffee urn, cake basket, caster, spoon-holder, butter knife, and pie knives. A beautiful set of silver knives and spoons, both tea and dessert, were the offerings of Mr. Litchfield's relatives. Taken altogether, a larger or finer display of silver is seldom seen together, and the friends could not have chosen a worthier couple to take charge of it.

A novel gathering took place at the vestry on Thursday evening last. Last spring Rev. Mr. Boardman, asked of all the children connected with the Sunday school, that each member should plant five hills of corn; tend it and at some appointed time of the harvest, bring the products of their labors to the vestry, to have a husking, then dispose of their corn, the proceeds of which to be applied to some benevolent purpose that they might then designate. Thursday evening 150 children came with their baskets of corn, and a merry social time it was. After the husking a collation was served by the parents and friends, then came the sale of corn. One red ear brought $1.50. A choice variety of sweet corn sold from ten to twenty-five cents, and the whole netted $25.00.

The Congregational society have voted to give their pastor, Mr. Boardman, a vacation until the first of February, on account of ill health. By advice of the best physicians in New York, Mr. B. will leave that port in Saturday's steamer for England, then pass over to the continent and travel through the south of Europe for the next three months, hoping fully to recover his health during that time. T.

Horse Epidemic.—This mysterious influenza-like distemper which has raged all around us is at length in our midst, although not very severe in any case. At Spencer & Bowen's stable twenty-four out of twenty-six horses are sick. The method of treatment adopted is to feed hot bran mashes, with a little ginger. At the Edwards House stable five horses are down. The course of doctoring is similar to that at Spencer and Bowen's. H. W. Bacon reports none of his horses sick. Some are coughing as are a large number of horses in private stables. In ordinary times this would not receive any notice, but everything nc is the much talked about distemper. The Palmer stage horses are suffering and the stage ran its last trip to-day, a single wagon will carry the mail until the pestilence passes over. A small carryall is being used on the Charlton line. Two of M. K. Olney's horses are very sick, and there are rumors of others. A pecularity of the disease in this town is that all the horses seem to retain their appetites which is the reverse of the cases reported in Boston and Worcester. Disinfectants are freely used by our stable men. This is no contagious disease, as horses which are kept entirely separate are as liable to be attacked. With good care it is not to be regarded as fatal.

"The telephone in our office has proved such a convenience that no ordinary consideration would induce us to have it removed," says an editor. This is the universal verdict, and you who now can not see that you have any use for a 'phone will say the same thing after you have used one for a week.—*Waltham Record.* Just the same here in Southbridge.

Ann Buerdsall.

To the Editor of the Southbridge Journal:

Again we are called to chronicle the death of a former resident, this time in the person of Mrs. Ann Buerdsall, sister of the late James Sanders, who died while visiting at Marthas Vineyard, on th 10th inst.

"Aunt Ann" as she was familiarly called and known was beloved and respected by all. Possessing an amiable and sweet disposition she always stood ready to aid and comfort whenever occasion required, and especially in the sick room were her efforts appreciated. During the illness of both Mr. and Mrs. James Sanders her assistance was invaluable and her presence a source of great comfort. Aside from this many will attest to the glowing words of encouragement bestowed when depressed in spirits or burdened with trouble, and when administering to the wants of the sick and suffering her manner of speech, the motherly way in which even little things were executed, produced a feeling of pleasure so little known.

The deceased was born in Houghton Tower, near Blackburn, Lancashire, England, on the 19th day of March, 1819, coming to this country in 1860, and making her home in Crompton with her brother James. When he removed to this village in 1870 she accompanied him, and after remaining a few years returned to the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Joanna Sanders, in Fall River, which was her principal abiding place up to the time of her death.

For several years she was afflicted with heart disease causing at times great suffering but she bore the trying ordeal with christian fortitude, having in early life consecrated herself to the Lord Jesus Christ. Although brought up in the Methodist faith it was her desire that the Rev. Mr. Smith of Fall River, an Episcopal minister, should perform the burial service, as during her whole sickness he had been a true and kind friend, administering daily to her spiritual wants. Her last wish was gratified, and on Tuesday the 13th inst. all that was mortal of the once good and true christian was consigned to the tomb. Among the many mourners present were James H. Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Henry who tenderly placed upon the casket as a last token of their regard and esteem an elegant floral offering representing a pillow, bearing the words in immortelles "Aunt Ann,—At Rest." One brother, Nathaniel, at present residing with his son on Chapin street, and a sister, Mrs. Ellen Worsley of Providence, R. I., both past the allotted age of three score and ten, survive her, and with numerous relatives and friends mourn the loss of a loving sister, a faithful friend and an exemplary christian.

Mrs. Carpenter's Benefit.

The program for Mrs. Carpenter's benefit last week Thursday, attracted a large house, in spite of the pouring rain. The different numbers were given with great satisfaction to the audience and added much to the reputation of the performers.

The Misses Searles are among the leading of the younger vocalists in town. They sing with powerful but well controlled voices and with good action. Miss Butler has a remarkably sweet voice and easy self-possessed execution, which make her appearances very acceptable. F. W. Rowley, as a violinist, is too well-known and has too high a position in the musical world to require praise from us; he was heartily greeted Thursday evening. Messrs. J. F. B. Litchfield and A. Cook are excellent singers, having been prominently identified with church choirs for some time. Their duet was one of the attractions of the evening. Miss Mary Pellett and Miss Josie A. Rice are among the most prominent pianists in town and acquitted themselves with much credit. E. W. Winter is a rising singer who always gains new credit on every public appearance. The Apollo quartet (male) can never be heard too much. All are good artists and their voices blend admirably. Mrs. Carpenter was greeted with great applause and received a hearty and deserved encore.

The second part of the entertainment was devoted to a comedy, "The Cool Collegians" in which appeared G. C. & E. W. Winter, Howard P. Martin and Misses Josie A. Rice, Mary Ellis, Minnie Searles and Mattie Searles. We expected this would be excellent but our expectations were more than realized. All the actors named have much more than average amateur talent and would do credit to themselves on the professional stage. We should like to hear them oftener.

The whole entertainment was most happily conceived and was carried out with remarkable success. It was a worthy tribute to a worthy subject.

Ice fourteen inches thick is being cut on the "big pond" on West street.

The Journal.

The JOURNAL, which begins its twenty-fifth volume with this issue, was never more popular and widely read than at present. Our reason for making this assertion is the showing of our cash book and mailing list, and also the frequent compliments of friends and exchanges as well as the frequent copying of matter from our columns by other papers. We are not foolish enough, however, to be blind to the fact that the JOURNAL is not liked by every one. There is no institution but what has its enemies, no matter how faithful it may labor to serve the public. To our critics we desire to say just one word. We are not afraid of honest criticism,—all we ask is fair play. Those who think the JOURNAL is not as good as it ought to be must remember that Southbridge, though a beautiful town with an unusual large number of "modern improvements," has a population over 50 percent of whom do not read English and can not be interested in a local paper. For newspaper purposes, therefore, Southbridge is a little village of from 2500 to 3000 inhabitants. We challenge the most rigid and exacting comparison of the JOURNAL with papers published in other places of that size. We are not afraid to have it compared with many papers published in places of 7000 population.

Since the above was written and in type, the following unexpected and unsolicited notice comes to us from the Milford *Journal*, a local paper which has no superior:

> With its last week's issue the Southbridge *Journal* closed its 24th volume, and we are glad to know is in a more prosperous state than ever before in its history, which is just what Bro. Whitaker deserves. The *Journal* is ably and carefully edited, and the citizens of one of the handsomest towns the writer has ever visited, should continue, as we have no doubt they will do, giving it a generous and cheerful patronage. A live local paper is an acquisition any town may well congratulate itself on possessing.

The public examination of the parochial school yesterday in Edwards Opera house attracted a large audience both forenoon and afternoon. The exercises passed off according to the program printed in last week's JOURNAL, evidencing excellent drill. At the conclusion of the examination Rev. Fr. Brochu briefly addressed the school with words of compliment and good advice, and was followed by Rev. S. Hayward, chairman of the town committee.

Death of Liberty Litchfield.

Death has during the past week removed from our midst another of our old and respected citizens. A correspondent favors us with the following memorial notice: Mar. 23. 1878.

The death of Mr. Litchfield, which occurred on the 23d inst., has removed one more familiar landmark from our village life; one whose loss brings sadness to the entire community and the keenest grief to not a few. As is well known to most who read these columns, Mr. Litchfield was stricken down nearly two years ago with paralysis which deprived him of the power of speech and, save for a few rides which he has taken, has confined him to his room, almost to his chair and bed ever since. During this time he has been watched over and cared for with all the assiduity that filial love could prompt, but he has been a constant sufferer. Early last week he was attacked with pneumonia, but his physician seemed to have broken up the disease so that on Thursday his friends thought him past all danger. That evening, however, he was seized anew and more violently with the same disease, which very soon proved fatal. He died on Saturday afternoon, his entire family about his bedside to bid him a last farewell.

His funeral was attended on Tuesday afternoon, from his home on Marcy street; a large concourse assembling to pay their respects to his memory. At this service commemorative addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Richardson of Sturbridge, a former pastor of Mr. Litahfield's, and by Rev. Mr. Jackson. Allusions were made by the speakers to the characteristics of the deceased and to the large place he held in the esteem and affection of the community, as well as to the simple history of his outwardly uneventful life.

Mr. Litchfield was born in Charlton in 1801, and resided there with his father and mother until he was of age, learning and following the trade of a carpenter, Removing to the town of Millbury, he was there married, in 1826, to Miss Catherine Thurston, with whom he lived in singularly close and loving companionship for upwards of fifty years. Their golden wedding having been celebrated April 24th, 1876. At the death of his mother he returned to the old homestead in Charlton, and lived for a short time with his father, when he removed to Oxford. There he lived some twelve years, most of his family, which consisted of four sons and four daughters, having been born in that town. From Oxford the family came in 1843 to Southbridge, Mr. Litchfield engaging in work with his brother, Mr. Festus Litchfield, who then had charge of the carpenter work of the Hamilton Woolen Co. In this year (1843) the Shuttle Manufacturing Co., which has ever since been important element in the business interests of this town, was formed. The original members were the four brothers, Festus, Pliny, Leroy and Libia Litchfield, and their brother-in-law, Mr. Schuyler Whitney. In 1846, Mr. Pliny sold his interest to his brother Liberty, who accordingly removed to what has since been known as Shuttleville, and to which place the shuttle business was at this time transferred. There Mr. Litchfield continued to reside until 1870, when, having given up active business he came to the home on Marcy street, at which he died.

Though a man who was known to, and thoroughly esteemed by, the whole town, he was not a "public man." He was heartily interested in whatever concerned the public welfare, and gave generously of his influence and his means to promote every enterprise that was for the public weal, but from holding positions of public trust he always shrank, though abundantly competent. He never held any important office in the town always choosing to leave such trusts to those whom he modestly deemed better qualified than himself. His work he preferred to do more quietly in connection with his business or in the church, of which he was a trusted member, or in the family circle, which, above all other places, was the one place that he loved best, and in which he was the most thoroughly known and most tenderly beloved. This retiring nature will cause him to be less missed in public affairs than some men of far less abilities and worth than his own; but if not regretted as one whose loss has crippled our public life, he will be sincerely mourned as one whom all who knew him both respected and loved. If his decease called forth few wishes for his return to earth it is only from the universal conviction that the sufferings of his past two years have been exchanged by him for that peace and rest beyond which is bestowed as the reward of the just.

At his funeral it was truly said that Mr. Litchfield was above all things else a thoroughly genuine and honest man—he never strove to be, or to appear to be, what he was not; that he was a man of peace—he said when congratulated at his golden wedding, "We haven't done great things in our life, but we have tried to live in peace with all men." That he was a truly generous man—one whom the poor will remember with gratitude; that he was of a rarely affectionate nature; and that he lived as he died a humble christian. Never demonstrative of his religion, never praying where the world could hear, his faith was yet of the firmest and his faithfulness to duty unsurpassed. If we should follow the rule of St, Jerome—"He who lives faithfully prays twice," we might sum up this man's life by saying it was one long-continued prayer.

Fatal Accident.—Every one in this vicinity was shocked and saddened last Sabbath afternoon to learn of the accident which caused the almost instant death of Arthur G. son of Gayton Ballard. He had left the house to go to the church and bring his mother and sister home from Sabbath school; his father a few moments afterward going to the window saw his son lying on the ground unconscious He was carried into the house but only breathed a few times. The supposition is that in unhitching the horse something occurrrd to startle it which threw him to the ground, and that then the horse stepped on him. A cut as if caused by a heel calk was found over the temple, penetrating the skull. The funeral took place Monday and the remains were taken to Andover for interment. The deceased was a very promising young man, of correct habits and good character. He was a student at Andover Academy. This sad event is a terrible blow to the afflicted family who have the sympathies of the whole community.

Death of Deacon Marvin Cheney.

A feeling of sadness ran through the community last Tuesday evening when it was whispered from mouth to mouth that Deacon Cheney was dying; while a gloom settled upon the large gathering at the Methodist church when Rev. Mr. Danielson made a public announcement of the same fact. The sadness was mingled with surprise, for his illness had been very short, and his final departure was sudden. He was born in town in October, 1802, and had always lived here. The town suffers a great loss in the death of such a man. With unimpeachable Christian character and good judgment he was of much influence in town affairs, and was at different times called to fill many of the offices. He has served very acceptably as selectman, overseer of the poor and assessor. He always advocated a judicious expenditure for public improvements, and was liberal himself. Rarely does the town lose a more worthy or esteemable citizen.

The Baptist church, too, sustains a great loss in the death of Deacon Cheney. Since he joined it—in 1832—he has ever been an active,consistent member. His labors on various committees, as teacher and superintenent in the Sabbath school, and as deacon since 1835, have had no small influence in promoting the welfare of the church and in endearing himself to the people.

He was also a prominent and interested member of the Worcester South Agricultural society, present at most of the meetings. At the last meeting he was present taking part in the discussions, and expressing a wish that he might live to see the society clear from debt.

The popular esteem in which the deceased was held was fittingly voiced two years ago last November when his golden wedding was celebrated. At that time were present a large number of our citizens and the expression of good will and love towards him was as great as it was spontaneous.

The funeral will take place tomorrow. The services at the residence of the deceased will occur at 12 o'clock, and at the Baptist church at 2 P. M. It is expected that Rev. Dr. O. S. Stearns, Rev. Dr. Cutting, and Rev. Dr. Bronson will be present and take part in the exercises.

Miss Mary C. Plimpton has purchased the entire estate of the late Joseph Hodges on South street, and will continue the plant and floral business. We wish her abundant success.

As there are many in this vicinity who were with General Sheridan at Winchester, no doubt it will be interesting to them to know how their comrades who went on the recent excursion, were treated by their late antagonists, and how they celebrated the anniversary of that memorable battle. During the day the old battle field was reviewed and inspected, solemn and imposing ceremonies were held at the Union and Confederate cemeteries. The attending features placed the finishing touches to this most memorable picture which portrayed a patriotic desire to forever heal and obliterate the wounds inflicted by the four years of internal strife. They give to the world another evidence of the inherent heroism that stamps the American character. When those who had worn the blue came to decorate the graves of those who had worn the gray, the sight was a solemn one, and one which brought tears to every eye. The true merit displayed in this chivalric and soldierly tribute will be all the more enduring for reason that ostentation and parade was entirely absent. With hearts welling up in love towards all of God's creation the crowds departed from the portals of the dead, and so closed a memorable day upon a memorable scene.

In the evening a large number of the citizens of Winchester came down to camp to renew the pleasant associations of the day before, and to acknowledge the handsome tribute paid their dead that afternoon, and also to be present at the exercises of the evening.

The commingling of men who fought against each other, and who survived the terrible conflict of nineteen years before, upon the same battle field where the roar of the cannon and the rattle of small arms on that fearful September day, resounded from the Blue Ridge to the North Mauntain, was in itself one of the features of the visit on this night. Officers of both armies spoke from the same platform to the crowd that was seated and standing around. And thus passed a pleasant evening. The people all through the valley were very hopitable, and seemed to desire that all sectional feeling should be vanished forever, and in its stead should reign peace, love and union.

The following new version of the old song "Tenting on the Old Camp Grounnd," was received with great aplause wherever rendered.

We're tenting to-nigh on the old campground,
Which memory holds so clear;
No anxions fears within our hearts
For those we love so dear.

CHORUS.

Many are the eyes that are reading to-night,
The words of right good cheer;
Many are the hearts rejoicing to-night,
Such tidings glad to hear.
Tenting to-night, tenting to-night, } repeat pp
Tenting to-night, tenting to-night, }

We're tenting to-night on the old campground,
No picket lines thrown out;
With perfect trust in Southern hearts
That circle us round about.

CHORUS.

We're tenting to-night on the old campground,
The mingling Gray and Blue;
All bitter memories laid to rest
In graves of comrades true.

CHORUS.

We're tenting to-night on the old campground,
One flag above us all;
May that old starry banner bright
The father's deeds recall.

CHORUS.

We're tenting to-night on the old campground,
One country now and ever;
No civil war, no foreign foe,
Shall ere the Union sever.

CHORUS.

C. D. Paige has been appointed permanent receiver of the store of W. R. Cooke & Co., and will sell out the whole stock at a great reduction in order to turn it into money. This misfortune of Mr. Cooke, who has the sympathy of the community, will afford the public an opportunity to get all kinds of dry goods at very low figures.

In spite of the local business depression the JOURNAL'S books show more business in 1884 than for the five years previous; the profits were not correspondingly increased, however, owing to the continually increasing expenses in publishing a paper that shall fitly represent a community so enterprising and with such advancements in its other local institutions.

The Boston *Journal* reports an official of the Home Savings bank in Boston as expressing much surprise that in spite of the hard times the amount of deposits in that bank had shown a marked increase. We find that a similar state of affairs exists in this town, and that the amount of deposits for the last quarter shows quite an increase over the amount for the corresponding period last year. The great query with the bank is "How and where to invest the money."

Geo. A. Boulton of East Boston, James J. Murray of Providence, former employees of the JOURNAL office, have been in town this week.

The New Monument to Father Kremmen.

The monument to commemorate the memory of the late Rev. John Kremmen, which St. Mary's parish commissioned John J. Love of Webster to build for them was placed in its position over the grave of their deceased pastor Tuesday of this week. The monument is of Gothic style and is made of Vermont marble throughout. The base is unpolished and is three and one half feet square with wide bevelled edges. On the base rest a section of marble six inches high and two and one-half feet square, on this is placed another section or base two feet high by two feet four inches wide and surrounded by dormer jets, this section contains four smoothly polished panels; in the panel facing Hamilton street is the following inscription:

Erected
In memory of
Rev. John M Kremmen,
Born April 29, 1845
Died July 17, 1886.
Requiescat in pace.

Placed on this section are four round columns of blue marble, and on these rest the beautifully designed gothic roof, the whole forming the position for the bust of Father Kremmen now being sculptured. Surmounting the whole structure is a cross on which is placed on an unpolished surface the emblem I. H. S.

The entire height of the monument is ten feet. Its total cost was $325.00. The monument in itself is a genuine work of art. Its style is in keeping with the church which in a larger sense is also his monument. Its proportions throughout are admirable. The shade or color is at once pleasing and tasteful. The chiseling, lettering and polishing of the marble is the very acme of workmanship. The committee having charge of the selection of the design and overseeing the work deserve the commendations of the whole parish.

—A. H. Bartley, Esq., member of the New York State Assembly, representing Schoharie County, and wife, of Gilboa, N. Y., and Mrs. Arnold of Green Island, N. Y., a sister of Alex. and William Searles, have been visiting their relatives in town for several days.

Wm. B. Morse, the proprietor of the *East Boston Advocate* has recently assumed the entire management of the paper which accounts for the marked improvement in its appearance.

Books and Reading.

At the Y. M. C. A. rooms last Tuesday evening Rev. S. Hayward addressed the members and friends on the above subject. The speaker's experience as a teacher, writer and scholar added weight to his remarks. The "informal talk" as it was called received close attention. As an introduction the speaker said he should not attempt to say anything new or startling, but should speak from his own experience and on every day topics. First, why do we read? Because we find pleasure therein. By reading we are brought into communication with the best minds and thoughts. We learn the best thoughts of the best men. Again we read to get information, certainly no object more worthy than this; we get culture and a constant change in our minds. Again, we read to get power and strength. Reading broadens and widens the mind more than anything else and this gives the reader power, "Knowledge is power." Hence one must read to understand how best we may succeed.

When shall we read? When opportunity offers. Every one has some time to read. If it is only a few moments a day it will amount to considerable in a year. One will be surprised to see how much he can accomplish by saving the spare moments of the day. The question now comes, what shall we read? I shall not attempt a definite answer to this question. Read that which will do you most good, what that is I cannot tell. But read the Bible first; take it as your guide. The word of God is the guide of life; read it for its intrinsic worth for it stands at the head of all literature. It shows as nothing else does the good old English language and a man familiar with the Bible is a man among men. In general read the best masters for time is so short that we can read only the best. We should read history to know what God has been doing in the world. Every one should in addition to a general idea of the world's history, know the true history of his own country. Of the various histories of our own land the speaker advised the reading of Bancroft's as the best and Carleton's books on the war he said are peculiarly adapted to the young people. Proceeding the speaker said; I would next take up the history of England as being interlaced with that of our own country. Hume's and Macauley's histories should be read. I would especially advise the reading of Macauley because of the excellence of his English and fine sentences. Knight's history of England is also a valuable work. Of the writers of general history the speaker mentioned our own historian Prescott and the Italian writer De Amicis whose works stand in the first rank.

Biography is of value if well written. Of the biographical works of American writers I consider Washington Irving's Life of Washington as the best, but it may be of too advanced a character for the younger minds. We can read J. S. C. Abbott's history of Napoleon Bonaparte as a romance but not as history as it is utterly unreliable.

Some would place Science first in the order of our reading. In general literature there are many works that cannot be classed; there is Thoreau, Addison and Ruskin. No person is well read that is not acquainted with Addison's style, so beautiful one can read and reread with pleasure. The orations of leading statesmen we can read to learn the style and beauty of oratory. We should read the imaginative writers like Shaksepere and Milton. Next get acquainted with the poets. Fairy tales like those of Hans C. Anderson and the Arabian Nights I would put into the hands of young children.

Of novel reading the speaker said in substance that it was good if not carried to excess. Do not commence too young. Dickens, Scott and Irving he mentioned as being the good writers of fiction, also Mrs. Whitney and Miss Alcott. Read also translations of Dante, Virgil and Xenophon. The speaker at this point spoke of the great value of a good local paper and advised giving it a generous support, and the careful reading of its columns. In order to be thoroughly posted on the topics of the day one must read the newspapers. A boy twelve years of age should read the daily papers and the leading magazines. In reading cultivate the best taste. If there is any particular department of reading or study that is distasteful the speaker urged his hearers to take up that branch and conquer it and not turn aside from it because it shows your weak point. Know something about everything; know everything about something. Carefully recall and write what you have read and learned. Read with research, learn the meaning of all sentences. If you cannot at once ascertain the meaning of a word or sentence keep it in mind till you find some one that can furnish the proper definition. A man that reads Milton in this manner gets an education in itself. We are continually meeting new things we don't know; but find them out. Ask questions, learn the terms and phrases; by this way we accomplish our end. Read conscientiously; fill up the mind in order to make the most of yourself.

Arthur S. Pease, for the past few months foreman of the JOURNAL office, has resigned his position to join the editorial staff of the *Woonsocket Reporter*. We wish him much success for he has an unusual amount of newspaporial ability and good taste. He is succeeded by J. A. Follansbee, a gentleman of twenty years experience in some of the best job offices in New York, Hartford and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Whitaker started for Maine last week Friday, on the excursion of the Massachusetts Press association and to attend commencement at Bowdoin college.

Rev. Jos. Danielson preached a very interesting sermon yesterday at a union service of the evangelical churches. It was largely historical, and abundantly proved that the world is making progress in physical development, home comforts and luxuries, politics, morals and religion. The subject is one in which the speaker had taken much interest for years, and he had at command a rich supply of resources from which to prove and illustrate his points.

The Opera.

The opera "Hermit of Cashell" was presented Wednesday and Thursday evenings to highly appreciative audiences. The opera abounds chiefly in the spectacular, and in this was particularly successful. Mr. Newcomb is entitled to a great deal of credit for the marvelous perfection attained in his drill of the choruses in marching and dancing, and the various movements and stage evolutions necessary for the rendition of the opera. The zouave drill, gipseys, merry makers and villagers were generously received. It is hard to realize that in a few weeks' drill such accurate time, uniformity of action and ease of motion could be secured, particularly among such large numbers, including many young performers. The music of the opera is sparkling and bright. The quartets and choruses in the first act being very fine. Miss Dexter as Cassandra sang well and appeared at ease; Miss Holt was graceful and sang with distinctness of enunciation that was very pleasing; Mrs. Benson and Miss Ward did well in their parts; Mr. Litchfield, the shepherd, had two fine solos. The last grand transformation scene was very fine Thursday evening, and was a fitting close to a very interesting entertainment. Mr. Hichcliffe sang his part with fine expression, his voice being smooth and in many passages showed fine breadth of tone.

Public Library.

B. A. Leonard has received from Hon. W. W. Rice a copy of the map of the United States for 1884, which he has presented to the public library in exchange for the copy of 1882, thus giving the library the benefit of the latest edition.

The library has also received from Andrew J. Morris sixteen books, all of **them printed more than fifty years** since; the date of the oldest is 1749. From the same source has also been received eleven almanacs, the date of the oldest of these being 1798. There are now wanting to complete a file of Robert B Thomas's Farmer's Almanac from 1800 the following: 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1810, 1813, 1817, 1822, 1823, 1831, 1832, 1865, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1883, 1884, 1885 We shall be glad to receive these, as well as those of an earlier date.

A List of Births During 1886.

The number of births recorded with the town clerk during the past year was 235. One or both of the parents of 139 of these were born in Canada, 22 of parents born in Massachusetts, 51 of parents born in other parts of the United States, and 11 of parents born in Ireland. The balance are children of parents born in England, Scotland and Germany. But many of the children of those born in Massachusetts and other parts of the Union are of Canadians born in this country. The births of thoroughbred Yankees are about as rare as oysters in a church fair stew.

Jan. 1, Alice Jane, daughter to John Parker.
4, Marie Florina, daughter to Louis Lavallee.
7, James Henry, son to John Splan.
12, Agnes, daughter to Alex. Beatty.
13, Franklin Cleveland, son to Andrew H. Barret.
14, Mary, daughter to Geo. F. Sayles.
15, Lily, daughter to Nepoleon Larochelle.
18, Marie Anna, daughter to Louis St. Martin.
18, Albina, daughter to Marcelle Benoit.
19, Eva, daughter to Geo. Ferron.
20, Levi, son to Louis Bibaud.
22, Marie Louise, daughter to Peirre Peloquin.
24, Narcisse Arthur, son to Narcisse LeClair.
25, Jessie, daughter to Sturminus Herber.
25. Edward Luther, son to F. L. Chapin.

Feb. 1, Joseph Arthur, son to Godfor Leduc.
3, Marie Corinna, daughter to Gonzague Champagne.
6, Delina, daughter to Flavien Cabana.
7, Onesieme, son to Onesieme Jalbert.
9, Flora, daughter to Pierre Peloquin.
16, George Alfred, son to Jos. Udell.
23, Regina, daughter to Jos. Gelina.

Mar. 2, Delte, daughter to Frederick Delage.
5, Emma, daughter to Louis Dube.
6, Marie Doria, daughter to Joseph Dionne.
8, Leonard, son to Edwin Edwards.
9, Joseph Arthur, son to Narcisse St. Martin.
11, John, son to Peter Bourke.
13, Geo. Elzear, son to Edward Ditto.
14, Alvinie, daughter to Jos. Varrin.
14, Sophronia R. Alma, daughter of Phileos Perron.
14, Joseph William, son to Jos. Porter.
15, William, son to Matthew Flood.
16, Frank Prescott, son to Frank Randall.
16, William, son to John Reno.
18, Matilda, daughter to Narcisse Marcheseault.
19, Josephine, daughter to Massinie Champagne.
26, Joseph Oza, son to Damase Matte.
27, Jos. Owen, son to Octave Derosier.
27, Joseph, son to Julien Terrier.
28, Marcus Henry, son to Phillip Tatro.
29, Lillian Estella, daughter to Julius S. Gleason.

Apr. 1, Louis, son to Napoleon Bertheaume.
1, Mary, daughter to Edward Tully.
4, Marie, daughter to Jules Tremblay.
6, Joseph, son to Joseph Liroque.
7, Napoleon, son to John Laranger.
7, Paul Adelord, son to Napoleon Girouard
9, Anna Maria, daughter to John Laughlan.
10, Celina, daughter to Napoleon Dano.
10, Ida, daughter to Wm. Ferron.
10, Minnie, Albina, twin daughters to Joseph Dumas.
11, Albert Ernest, son to John M. Geer.
11, Leon Jean Baptiste, son to Pierre Grenier.
13, Virginnie, daughter to Joseph Girard.
17, Joseph Thomas, son to Fred Hefner.
19, Albien, daughter to Felex Lamothe.
20, Charles Henry, son to Napoleon Giroux.
22, Rosalind, daughter to Joseph Lapoline.
23, Marie, daughter to Antoine St. Martin.
24, Winifred, daughter to John Flood.
25, Marie Alexandrina, daughter to Oliver Lamothe.
26, Narcisse Mort, son to Octavien Mort.
29, Louis Leon, son to Clement Luisgnan.
30, Victoria, daughter to Geo. Durand.

May 1, Gladys May, daughter to John W. Bowker.
3, Napoleon, son to Chas. Garseaux.
5, Catherine, daughter to Thos. Ward.
6, Mary, daughter to John Keenan.
11, Joseph, son to William Bouvier.
12, Anna, daughter to Amable Gauthier.
12, Hattie Lucinda, daughter to Chas Dodge.
13, Amidoce, son to Amidoce Fortier.
13, Exidora, daughter to John B. Bonim.
14, Emilie, daughter to Jos. Lafleich.
15, Alfred, son to Michel Peron.
16, Mary Pearl Adele, daughter to Alphonse Deslauriere.
17, Elizabeth Lincoln, daughter to Alva L. Hyde.
18, Eugene, daughter to Pierre Champagne.
19, Mary Elizabeth, daughter to Richard Morrissey.
20, Lucy Ann Ester, daughter to Frank E. Fuller.
21, Carita Leonard, daughter to Leonard Cutler.
22, Arthur, son to Michel Bachand.
25, Marie Florina, daughter to Pierre Caplette.
30, Winnie Bell, daughter to Augustus Loomis.
31, Silvay, daughter to Michel Dyette.

June 2, Ivone, daughter to Antoine Plante.
2, Emery, son to Elzear Hetue.
4, Mary, daughter to Tauice Lafortune.
5, John, son to John Hefner.
6, Ellen, daughter to Saeule Dannais.
6, Florence G., son to Fred H. Adams.
9, Morris, son to Harvey J. Gallanger.
11, Joseph, son to Wm. Bouvier.
15, John Bte. Liva, son to Treffle Tremblay.
15, Joseph Alis, son to Alex. Senecal.
16, Marie Claris, daughter to Sam. Martel.
16, Alcilia, daughter to Michel Quentin.
17, Marie Albina, daughter to Stanislaus Boucher.
17, Lizzie, daughter to Michael Grant.
22, Susan Elizabeth, daughter to Geo. W. Cady.
22, Herbert Theodore, son to Theodore M. Place.
20, Geo. Wilfred, son to Bazile Proulx.
23, Elmire Lotta, daughter to Joseph Leblanc.
28, Charles Weld, son to Herbert A. Hargraves.
30, Prevostus Adam, son to Adam McKinstry.

July 4, Martin, son to Patrick Brennan.
6, Marie Fennie Albina, daughter to John B. L'Homme.
7, ——, son to Dwight E. Butterworth.
8, Marie Clara, daughter to Jules Terriault.
10, Cordelia, daughter to Jos. Gregoire.
10, William Henry, son to Wm. J. Hemphill.
11, Mary, daughter to Azidace Plainte.
13, Calixte, son to Calixte Plouff.
14, Eva, daughter to Charles Angers.
15, Julien Adelord, son to Augustin Robideaux.
17, Mary Lizzie, daughter to Henry Kendall.
19, Joseph Arthur, son to John Brodeau.
17, Willard Grover, son to Wm. Fay.
22, Sarah Helen Mabel, daughter to Geo. B. Works.
22, Robert, son to Andrew Carey.
25, Rosanna, daughter to Louis Shaw.
25, Gertrude, daughter to John Murphy.
25, Victor Antoine, son to William Chicoine.
28, Eli Daniel, son to Napoleon Duguet.
28, Mary Ann, daughter to Thomas McGilpin.
29, John Kremmen, son to Martin Shields.
29, Marie Doria, daughter to Flavien Lescarbeault jr.
30, Jane Eva, daughter to Napoleon Demers.

Aug. 3, Hattie Cornelia, daughter to Walter C. Mandigo.

5, Francis Xavier, son to Antorne Belanger.
5, Arthur Amedee, son to Napoleon Langevin.
6, Flora, daughter to Paul St. Martin.
8, Clara, daughter to Joseph Collette.
9, Harvey Clifton, son to Lucian S. Davis.
10, Ethel Marie, daughter to Dexter H. Durfee.
11, Mary Garce, daughter to Patrick Flynn.
13, Joseph Albenie Gaston, son to Horace Gravel.
15, Flora, daughter to Pierre Carmel.
17, Antone, daughter to Joseph Bonnette.
17, Joseph Elzear, son to Joseph Derosier.
20, Alphonse, son to Napoleon L. Herrean.
21, Catherine May Ahua, daughter to J. A. Letourneau.
24, Lucy Green, daughter to N. E. Putneuf.
26, Adolph, son to Alfred Phaneuf,
27, David Phileos, son to David Duclos.
27, Ethel Josephine, daughter to Wm. C. Hall.
28, Joseph, son to Saeule Langvin.
31, Ida, daughter to Pierre Peck.

Sept. 1, Israel, son to Peter Renaud.
3, Clarinda Isabelle, daughter to H. W. Bacon, jr.
4, Ruby Belle, daughter to Frank C. Litchfield.
5, Cyrile Napoleon, son to Napoleon Lavallee.
7, Jean Baptiste, son to Augustus Plante.
7, Aglore Alexdrinia, daughter to Joseph Lacousse.
8, Georgiana, daughter to John Bonnette.
8, Elie Arthur, son to Robert Coney.
8, Ruby Cutting, (Illegitimate.)
10, Marie Albertine, daughter to John Louis Derosier.
10, Joseph Adgeve Olivier, son to Joseph Gagnon.
14, Bertram Francis, son to Geo. F. Wilson.
14, Sarah Frances, daughter to H. M. Caffrey.
15, Lizzie, daughter to Wm. Curboy.
15, Hormisdas, son to Phelebert Dayneault.
17, Marie Julie Louisa, daughter to Louis Lescarbeault.
17, Clarence Porter, son to John F. Gage.
17, Joseph Andre, son to John B. Galepeau.
18, Geo. Alfred, son to Joseph Rivers.
21, Mary, daughter to Lucian D. Vinton.
24, Mary, daughter to Thomas Holden.
26, Emeralda, daughter to John B. Tremblay.
29, Marie Clara, daughter to Louis Bachand.

Oct. 1, Harold Harrington, son to John C. McGilpin.
4, Isidore, son to Pierre Gagnon.
5, ——, son to George Martin.
6, Ella Trafton, daughter to C. H. Hanson.
8, May Ida, daughter to Edward F. Douty.
12, Joseph, son to Clement Dufault.
13, Marie Odile, daughter to Maurice Capistraw.
13, John Francis, son to James H. Kelley.
15, Leonidas, son to Joseph Terriault.
15, Fe[illegible]e, daughter to David Allard.
20, Delia, daughter to Jos. Benway.
20, Elmer John, son to Earnest Knowles.
21, Omers, son to Joseph Marchand.
21, Joseph, son of Joseph Granchant.
23, Charles Francis, son to C. W. Williams.
23, Edith Estelle, daughter to Geo. I. Tumey.
24, Roy Winifred, son to Otis Brainard.
28, Marie Antoinette, daughter to Phileos Labossiere.

Nov. 4, Flora Eva, daughter to Moses Marchesault.
4, Joseph, son to Joseph Laliberte.
5, Rosanna, Medevise, twin daughters to Nasereste Dufaux.
7, Alodia, daughter to Abraham Gaumond.
13, Matilda, daughter to Peter Duquette.
13, Francis, son to William Harper.
13, Geo. Nelson, son to Elinas Cook.
18, Alice, daughter to Telafore Leduc.
19, Margaret, daughter to Patrick Tobin.
22, Florence, daughter to John Hayes.
22, Mary Lorina, daughter to F. W. Eaton.
23, Clarence Byron, son to John Curran.
25, Mary, daughter to Fred Lacrosse.
26, Maria, daughter to Louis Larivere.
28, Udger, daughter to Antoine Rivard.
29, Joseph Henry, son to John Laroche.
29, Harriet, daughter to Winfield S. Kilton.
29, Mary, daughter to Alex. Dessaulniere.

Dec. 1, Thomas, son to James Monroe.
2, Marie Emilie, daughter to Honridas Monting.
4, Marie Louise, daughter to Joseph Razil jr.
6, Nicholas Edmonds, son to Joseph Dupaul.
9, Eunice Delia, daughter to John Bruso.
9, ——, son to Eber Thompson.
13, Marion Lawrence, daughter to Salem R. Ammidown.
13, Theodore, son to Joseph St. Onge.
16, Marie, Emilie Antoinette, daughter to Louis Lamothe.
16, Philip Lawrence, son to George P. Endress.
16, Ida, daughter to Peter Dumas.
22, Phillipe, son to Naricisse St. Laurent.
22, Joseph, son to Geo. Riopel.
24, Bazile, son to Bazile Prew.
26, Albert, son to Albert Dumas.
30, John, son to John Hanley,

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FASHION'S SWAY.

Changes in Styles of Wearing Apparel.

A Work of Civilization.

1887

A Newspaper Man Gets Loose in a First-class Clothing Store.

One of the most striking features of our modern civilization is the vast number of new industries that have sprung up, and the changes that have occurred in those that were established before the introduction of the great and varied inventions of the past half century. The rapidity with which this generation has acquired wealth has, as a natural sequence, opened up new channels of trade and industry, for "wealth begets wants" just as surely as water courses down hill. It is human nature for one to crave for the best of the earth, and the medium of exchange which simply represents wealth is the one absorbing theme of our unceasing round of toil, study and labor. Fashion is the hand maid of wealth, and as a person is dressed it tells to a great extend the character and material condition of that person. As a person's mental faculties grow and develop, we find them more particular in their dress. Their garments fit them closely, and not in the loose and slouchy manner we often see among the uncouth and uneducated. It is indicative of a people's advancement in all that is progressive and civilizing that they change their style of dress as they progress. The Arab of the desert is in exactly the same semi barbarous condition today as at the commencement of the Christian era, and so likewise is his dress. The people of many of the older countries of Europe and Asia dress today in precisely the same style and fashion as did their ancestors of hundreds of years ago, although the genius of that universal civilization which has its brightest and highest exemplification in our own land, is making its influence felt in the remotest and darkest corners of the universe. In speaking of the constant and ever varying changes of the style of our

No soil pipe or drain should be connected with any sewer without a properly ventilated trap between the sewer and the house or building to be sewed. It has been considered that a piece of bent pipe, inside the house, was all-sufficient as a protective against sewer-gas, when the half-inch of water is easily penetrated or is entirely removed by the last flood of water in the pipe acting as a syphon and carrying the water-seal to the street sewer.

If the question shall come in the future how to prevent the corruption of the river from the direct discharge of sewage into its channel, an answer may be found in this: That the amount of sewage matter that will find its way to the river by this drain, will not be great for many years to come. This when mixed with the water of the brook and carried to the river channel in its ordinary stage will be so diluted that no trace could be found at the "Columbian dam." It is only then in the low stage of water when the channel of the brook is dry and the river bed in many places uncovered, that we might expect danger, and it is certainly at this time that the sewage matter is in a condition to work the most harm. If then, it should be deemed advisable to treat the dry weather flow of sewage it could be done at this outfall as at any other, unless a soil filteration or irrigation plan should be desired.

If the present outfall does not clear readily in dry weather, an 8in. iron pipe could be easily connected with the penstock so as to take the dry weather flow and empty it below the surface in the river channel; a plug would stop the upper end during flush water.

That the existing condition in your town will be entirely removed by any sewer however well designed, can not be hoped without some vigorous correctionary measures in regard to vaults, cesspools, and waste matters in this section.

Until a general introduction of water service into the houses of this vicinity (which for the health of the people, it is hoped, will not be far in the future), vaults should be tolerated only in an absolutely tight condition, well ventilated and frequently cleaned, and with no direct connection with any dwelling house.

To the property owners along this line I commend a cooperation with such measures as may seem necessary to correct the present and prevent the future corruption of the soil and air around their dwellings; to this end, that Southbridge may enjoy as enviable a position for healthfulness as it already has for beauty of surroundings.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR C. MOORE.

Sturbridge, July 2, 1884.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE, }
SPRINGFIELD MASS., July 9, 1884. }

Selectmen of Southbridge:

Gentlemen—I have this day examined the plans, profiles and estimates for the Central Brook sewer, prepared for you by A. C. Moore, C. E., and consider the size proposed on the grade given, to be ample for the location, and think that the work ought to be done for the amount estimated.

Very respectfully,

GEO. A. ELLIS.

The Pulpits and the Assassination.

The assassination of President Garfield was alluded to in the churches last Sabbath.

At the Universalist church Rev. F. Maguire preached a sermon suitable to the day from the text, "We be Abraham's seed", John viii:33. The speaker—drawing a distinction between pride and vanity—thought there was no danger of a person having too much pride. Alluding to national pride particularly, he said that it necessitates a personal responsibility, to keep up the record of the past. It amounts to nothing to boast of being of the seed of Abraham when the boaster does nothing worthy of Abraham. We are not to be satisfied with past achievements, but to regard them as educators and incentives to fresh exertions. We should not regard the nation as an indefinite whole but as something of which we are individual parts. We are to regard nations and men as instruments; in view of such events as that of yesterday we instinctively rise from man to God. We should thank God that our nationa education has been such that there is no need of thinking that everything is going to ruin because of the foul assassination of the president. As long as a man or a nation has a mission it lives. We ought not to concern ourselves about the ultimate stability of the nation, but about our personal fidelity to its principles.

Rev. Mr. Avann said that Mr. Garfield, having received a majority of the electoral vote it was the will of the whole people that he should be their chief magistrate and the crime was therefore committed against the nation. The assassin may be partially insane; there is a measure of insanity connected with all great crimes, but it does not necessarily follow that he is not responsible. It is difficult to tell where insanity begins, and certainly responsibility does not there end; besides a man may be responsible for *being* insane, for bringing himself into that condition. The providence of God must not be lost sight of. All believe that God might have prevented the deed; and as it is the mental act, the purpose only that has moral quality, he might have thwarted the design without interfering with human responsibility; that he did not is proof that it is one of the things that must work good. The wrath of man will be made both to praise and serve him. The bearing of the human heart toward God being what it is, God does not see fit to suppress all its natural fruit and put an end at once to calamities, but he will over rule them all. Yet the people fearlessly face the future, for, as the president said at a more trying time, "God reigns and the government at Washington still exists."

Rev. A. G. Upham chose for his text Psalm lxxxvii:1, it being the sentiment of Gen. Garfield at the death of President Lincoln. The object of the sermon was to show how God reigns in the midst of human wickedness and even makes the wrath of man to praise him. This was accomplished by illustrations from sacred and profane history, from which it appeared—1. That God sometimes manifests his power and glory by visiting wicked men with sudden and awful judgments. 2. That God frequently overrules evils for good. 3. That God sometimes permits evil to go so far as to react upon itself and become the means of its own destruction. In conclusion the speaker expressed the belief that this awful crime would be overruled for good, perhaps by hastening the civil service reform. Right must win eventually. The perpetuity of any government is assured only as its principles are those of God's government.

Death of an old Resident.

The *Worcester Gazette* of Monday evening contained the following concerning the sudden death of a former resident of this town:

E. Milton Turner, an old gentleman living at No. 548 Main Street, dropped dead while at work in the Maynard building, No. 514 Main street, about 11 o'clock this forenoon. Mr. Turner was on the flourth floor aud dropped in the entryway. His groans attracted the tenants and he was placed on a bed, and Dr. Swan was summoned. The unfortunate man was beyond help, however, and died before the arrival of Dr. Swan. Mr. Turner was 67 years old, leaves a widow, but no children. He has been employed for some time by Laommi Harrington, the grocer, as a driver.

Mr. Turner was the son of Capt. Turner of Falmouth, Mass., a well-known citizen of that town in former years. Early in life he removed to Southbridge, Mass., where he was for many years the landlord of the hotel, also owning with a brother several stage lines and an express to this city. About 22 years ago a fire destroyed the hotel, stables, horses, carriages, stages, etc., the disaster financially ruining Mr. Turner. Since that time he has resided principally in this city. He was a man of upright character and always respected by all who knew him. He had a younger brother residing in Michigan but no relatives, except his wife, in this vicinity.

5, Francis Xavier, son to Antorne Belanger

4, Isidore, son to Pierre Gagnon.

5 —— son to George Martin

22, Joseph, son to Geo. Riopel.

Southbridge, Mass., December 14, 1883.

James Sanders.

There was a feeling of genuine sorrow throughout the community when the death of Mr. Sanders was announced last Tuesday morning, although his long illness deprived the announcement of that suddenness and shock which often comes when a prominent man passes away. Mr. Sanders was born in Lancashire, England, in 1811, and at 13 years of age was apprenticed to a block printer. (Before the invention of the present cylinder machines cloth was printed from blocks.) After a seven years' apprenticeship Mr. S. worked at his trade till the early part of 1842, when he came to this country, and after a few months settled in Fall River, where he entered the employ of the American Print works. He married in 1844, and in 1848 went to Rhode Island. In 1850, in company with his brother-in-law, the late James Abbott, he leased the Crompton print works. The partnership continued about ten years, when H. N. Slater took Mr. Abbott's share of the business. This partnership continued three years, when Mr. Sanders took the whole business on his own shoulders, continuing until 1870, when he removed to Southbridge.

The old village of Ashland had been purchased a few years previously: the new print works begun in 1867 and completed in 1870 when he moved here. His career since is well known—its successes and reverses and the continuance of the business by his sons. The village of Sandersdale is now one of the busiest parts of the town and Southbridge prints are favorably known and received everywhere. Mr. Sanders was a man of superior skill in his business, and great industry. With nothing but his brains, the integrity which led friends to trust him, and untiring perseverance he achieved his life's work. Since 19 years of age he was an active member of the Methodist church. His retiring nature and close attention to business prevented him from seeking civil and political honors, but he held the esteem and respect of every community where he lived, for his sterling qualities of heart and mind. He had long been a citizen of this county, for which he had a strong regard, though never loosing his love for the old home. He was always a republican in politics. He had been troubled with heart disease for many years, but during the past three years has failed more rapidly, the death of his wife contributing in a great measure to break him down. The last of October he went to Providence for medical treatment, but was taken suddenly worse, failed more rapidly and finally died there. During all his infirmities his mind was clear and active to the last, and he kept up an active interest and general oversight of the business till only a short time before his death.

The funeral will take place from his late residence this afternoon.

Obituary.

Apr. 1886.

DANIEL B. PERRY.

In the death of Daniel Perry this past week, this town loses another of its old land-marks. Although not a native of the town, he had been identified with it and its interests for nearly fifty years. He was the son of Alpheus Perry of Charlton and was born the 24th of November, 1806. In 1828 he was married to Miss Prudence Hathaway, daughter of Daniel Hathaway of Sutton and sister of Joseph Hall Hathaway of Charlton. He moved to Holliston soon after his marriage and purchased a farm, the house of which stood where the present railroad station now is. From here he went to Millbury, and while there, learned the machinist trade which he ever afterward followed. From Millbury he moved to Westville and worked in the repair shop of the Plympton mill, recently burned, and in the Gibbs' pistol factory.

On the 1st of December, 1837, he entered the employ of the Hamilton Woolen Co., and for over 30 years, in fact until his strength began to fail him, he continued in their employ, and the greater part of the time filled the position of foreman of the machine shop.

He was the father of four children, one son and three daughters, two of whom are now living; Ellen, the wife of Hiram C. Wells, and Emily the wife of Frank Cady, both of this town. His wife survives him, though prostrated from a paralytic shock some three years ago.

His life was a busy and useful one. Even after resigning his position with the Hamilton Woolen Co., when both sight and strength were weakened, he was not content to remain idle, and built himself a small repair shop at the rear of his house, where he engaged in all kinds of repairing until within a short time of his death. He was buried from his late home on Main street, at 3 o'clock on Saturday, having reached the advanced age of nearly 80 years.

LEONARD CUTLER 1886.

The death of Leonard Cutler, at the age of 49 years, occurred last Monday, after a brief illness. A native of Bedford he came to this town about 25 years ago. These years have been full of enterprise with him and it is peculiarly sad that such an active man should be taken away so suddenly in the midst of so many projects and plans.

The suddenness of his death is particularly impressed upon us from the fact that last week we published a half column article on business projects in town from information largely furnished by him.

In that last interview he was remarkably cheerful and talked much more fully about the prospects of the town, its growth, and his own business than it would be proper to print. He also talked at some length on the labor question—showing as other interviews had already done—that he was a person of broad ideas and good judgment. In short, we always found him a man with whom it was a pleasure to converse, saying little if he had nothing to say, but when he spoke it was something worth listening to.

His death is a great loss to the town; much that is gratifying to the eye and to local pride is due to his taste, good ideas and suggestions, for although he was absorbed in his business, it was also in a measure an inspiration; he did more than the mere mechanical carrying out of the instructions in specifications. At the time of his death he had under contract the large addition to the American Optical Co's building, two houses of his own and several residences for other parties.

Many of the best business blocks and residences in the town, among them the C. A. Dresser house, public library building, American Optical company's extensive buildings, and a large number of the best private residences, are the results of his labors.

Retiring and unobtrusive he accomplished much by his restless energy and won the respect and good will of every one, though never seeking any official record of it by becoming a candidate for their votes.

One of the highest tributes that can be paid to his memory is to say that he was honest. Though carrying large contracts with many responsibilities and also many opportunities for sharp practices, we never heard his integrity questioned in the least.

Places of business were closed Wednesday afternoon during the funer-

observe that they are the familiar truths affirmed in the great declaration, or arise form their application to the organic laws of a people.

(1) Obedience to just laws, and the right and duty of the government to enforce them; and that our government as it was ordained is too sacred to be overthrown by the assaults of treacherous foes within. That it is stronger in the hearts of the American people than passion or prejudice, ambition or hate; that it can maintain itself against false and pernicious doctrines and theories of deluded masses, and whole sections of our people regarding its structure or powers; that "state sovereignty" in its application is a misnomor for treason; that we are and shall continue to be a nation of people, having a common ancestry and common affinities, separated by no natural boundaries of land or water, but solemnly united into one nation by mutual vows and shedding of blood, not to be disrupted by the choice of any of its members. In short, the truth that, by our organic law and every historical precedent, these United States are, and must continue to be, "one and inseparable now and forever."

(2) Again, the truth that all men, in natural and vested rights, are equal, a principle always affirmed at the north, but heretofore denied in the south, and in that section unrecognized in her customs, institutions and laws. And upon that issue the conflict came at last, as come it must at some time in our history, and men closed in mortal combat on the battle-fields of the great rebellion. What pictures fancy painted of our first experience in that dread contest? What awful terrors and fears haunted the minds of loyal, liberty-loving men, and filled them with forbodings of defeat, as the dear old flag at Sumpter and Bull Run went down into dark clouds, livid with lightnings and bursting with thunders, all blackened with smoke and torn with shot and shell, and faces pale in terror cried, "It is lost forever." The shock passed, and it was not so. Out from the dark abyss, and smoke and din of battle came the grand army of patriots in blue, slowly but triumphantly bearing it onward and upward inscribed with the record of a hundred victories, and with a new and grander expression of brotherhood burning in every star and streaming in every fold. Henceforth, in this our land, there shall be no constitutional contradiction to our great declaration of human equality.

(3) In this contest and victory you and your dead demonstrated the solid worth and capability of man to maintain a free constitutional self-government as ordained by its framers a century ago. The political statesmanship and economists of the old world had long predicted the bursting of this republican bubble of ours. When the contest came their anticipations were in a sense realized. Our dreams of security and peace were indeed disturbed by the thunders of civil war, and our defeat was demonstrated by the logic of monarchs who failed to comprehend the moral forces and characteristics of the American people now as they did in the days of our early settlement and struggles for independence. They argued as they had done for a century that "A nation of rulers must be a mob of an army," "A nation of thinkers will be weak in action," "Man is naturally selfish and cruel, irresponsible and untrustworthy;" and so he is if you deny man his manhood. But so he is not when clothed with his natural and indefeasable right to himself, his home, his labor, his religion, his education, his right to select his own rulers, and to improve his condition in life if he honestly can. But again, from a hundred hill-tops and plains, horrid with the bloody sacrifice, amid the thunder of war which shook the very pillars of the republic, America triumphantlyproclaimed her immortal right to be, her faith in humanity, and her indignant protest aganist despotic power and all forms of false and ignoble social distinctions. Her lesson of instruction was and is, that the truest and strongest government rests on the will of a people, where wealth is diffused according to the capacity to acquire, where mind is educated, where the obligations of man to humanity and God, are respected and enforced in the halls of legislation and in the temples of justice.

All this America believes today. She believes intelligence a stronger bulwark than prison walls; that a nation of rulers are braver in war than the hirling armies of kings; that respect, sympathy and helpfulness, kindle into life a nobler manhood, and a more courageous spirit to dare and to do, than any system never so carefully planned which deny in government the individuality and brotherhood of man; that a nation of freemen are after all the bravest battalions, who can build a steamboat, or write a thesis, or stand in their tracks till they die. For a hundred years America has said it. She said it at the defeats at Sumpter, Bull Run and Manassas, and says it now in the crowning glory of her final victory.

And such I believe is the significance of your memorial. In thoughts and feelings like these you have come to this sacred spot and reverently laid your chaplets of flowers on the graves of our fallen brothers, remembering that "Their's is no vulgar sepulchre—green sods are all their monument; and yet it tells a nobler history than pillared piles or eternal pyramid. They need no statue nor inscription to tell their greatness. It is around them, and the joy with which their children tread the hallowed ground that holds their venerated bones, the peace that smiles on all they fought for, and the wealth that clothes the land they rescued—these, though mute as feeling ever is when deepest—these are monuments more lasting than the fanes reared to kings and demi-gods of old."

Their mission has been most nobly accomplished; an epoch in our history has been closed. To them the farewell tribute of the poet Whittier to one who, after a long and earnest life, devoted to the cause of freedom, has just passed to his long rest, is a fit offering:

"The storm and peril overpast,
The hounding hatred shamed and still,
Go, soul of freedom! take at last
The place which thou alone canst fill.

Go up and on! thy day well done,
Thy morning promise well fulfilled,
Arise to triumphs yet unwon,
To holier tasks that God has willed.

Go leave behind thee all that mars
The work below of man for man;
With the white legions of the stars
Do service such as angels can.

Wherever wrong shall right deny,
Of suffering spirits urge their plea,
Be thine a voice to smite the lie,
A hand to set the captive free!"

But humanity has not yet achieved all its triumphs. Its grand temple is not yet complete. We must not forget the unfinished work, or dismiss from our minds ideas and principles which are and must be our inspiration and hope; remembering that a nation's growth is by stages, but principles holds fast only when shaped into laws.

At the conclusion of the address the line was reformed and marched to Main street where Marshall Cole thanked all who had helped to make the observance of the day a success, and dismissed the companies. They then proceeded to the town hall where a collation, more particularly for the visiting veterans from Sturbridge, had been prepared by one of our enterprising citizens.

Jan. 1884

For the ensuing year the following editors of the high school *Chip Basket* were chosen: Seniors, Hattie C. Smith and Florence I. King; juniors, Emma C. Coombs and Wilford J. Litchfield.

The fall term of Mrs. Brewster's kindergarten school will close Saturday afternoon. The school room being small it has been thought best to have the exercises in the town hall. The following program has been arranged and will take place at 2 o'clock:

Song, "Welcome," by the school.
Recitation, "Greeting," by Johnny Paige.
Recitation, "Tree of Life," by the school.
Reading and spelling, by advanced class.
Work and song, by the school.
Recitation, "The Human Body."
Games, "Fly Birds and "Silent Greeting."
Recitation, "Where did they go?" by Estelle Brainard.
Dialogue, "Grandma and Grandpa."
Song, "Roll your hands," by the school.
Recitation, "Boy or Pug," by Robbie Sanders.
The flower children, by twelve girls.
Song, by Robbie and Mamie Sanders.

Admission 10 cents. The proceeds will go towards supplies for the school room.

The winter term will open Dec. 7.

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Dr. F. G. Burnett is going to locate at East Windsor, Conn. Sept. 11. 1885

Miss Emma McGilpin has returned from a visit to Lawrence.

Miss Margaret Bosworth is teaching in the 5th district, Charlton.

Geo. Plimpton of Buffalo has been in town during the past week.

F. C. Botham, formerly of this town, was visiting old friends last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Esten of Amesbury have been visiting in town this week.

Frank Bosworth has gone to Brooklyn, N. Y., to work with his brother Charles. Sept. 11. 1885

Wm. H. Hawley, of Aurora, Ill., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Jas. H. Sanders. He will enter the military school in Worcester.

Miss Lizzie Chamberlain has been spending a few days with her brother in Lawrence. [illegible]

Assistant Postmaster Carl Johnson and N. E. Putney attended the bicycle races in Springfield.

Geo. A. Hanson and wife of Minneapolis are spending a few days with relatives and friends.

Quite a large crowd assembled last Saturday evening to listen to the second open air concert given by the Cadet band in front of the town hall, some very excellent selections being rendered. A feature of the occasion was a well executed cornet solo by J. B. Green—"enchantment polka." The band have just received their new uniforms and will give another concert near the Globe Village house next Saturday evening. Inquiries have been made by several as to whether the band stand was built for use or merely for ornament. June 27 1884

At the invitation of Father Kremmen, St. Mary's Sunday school teacher's association with their invited friends enjoyed a picnic at Point of Pines last Saturday, July 5. Between seventy and eighty were in the party, J. F. Parker's two busses and private teams conveying the happy throng to the grounds where they enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content, returning at an early hour well pleased with the excursion afforded them through the kindness and liberality of their pastor, and loud in their praises of Mr. Robinson for his exertions to make everything pleasant to all who participated in the excursion. July 1884

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JOSHUA BALLARD.

1885.

REPORT OF THE FUNERAL SERVICES.

Mr. Ballard, the well-known treasurer of the Hamilton Woolen Mills, of Southbridge, Mass., died suddenly at his home in Newton Centre, on Monday morning, April 27th, from bilious colic. He was at his office in Post Office square, Boston, the 25th, and appeared to be in good health and spirits. Mr. Ballard was born in Andover, Mass., Jan. 28, 1813. He attended the schools of that place, and in later years was engaged in getting out ship timber until he was 27 years of age, when he entered the employ of the Marland Manufacturing company at Ballardvale, where he remained for four or five years. He was then employed by the Hooksett Manufacturing company, but soon afterwards resigned his position and became agent for the Hamilton Woolen company, which position he held for nearly twenty years. At that time his health failing, he desired to retire from business, but being pressed by the directors of the mill to accept the treasurership of the company, he reluctantly consented to do so, and went to Boston for that purpose in 1864.

Had he lived until next January he would have completed forty years of service in this company. His practical and thorough knowledge of mechanics, combined with his honesty and great business faculty, made his management of the company's affairs very successful, and himself a prominent mill director. He was charitable without being ostentaneous, and none but his very intimate friends know of the many kind deeds he has done in a quiet way. The death of his wife with whom he had lived happily for many years, which occurred about three years ago, was a sad blow to him and his grief at her loss was very great and profound. He leaves no children, but there are two brothers and two sisters to mourn his loss. He was a constant attendant at the Baptist church, although not a member of that society.

The funeral services occurred at his late residence, Wednesday afternoon of last week at one o'clock and were quite largely attended. Among those present were directors of the Hamilton and Amesbury mills, and several business associates. The services consisted of reading of the scriptures, a short address by Rev. O. S. Stearns of the Theological Seminary, and prayer by Rev. Edward Braislin. The floral tributes from Mr. Ballard's friends were numerous and elaborate. The body was taken to Andover, Mass., where it was interred in the family lot.

THE ADDRESS.

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, and not in figures on a dial. Life is but a means to an end—beginning, means and end to all things is God. Our friend and brother lived a long life, yet we shall never recall him by the length of his days, but by what those days brought forth, what he was in and of himself—his personality and that which his personality embodied and represented. He was my friend and I may therefore be partial in my judgment. For nearly 40 years he has been wont to call me by his own peculiar expression, "my minister"; using the expression, not as a badge of office, but to indicate his confidence and affection. Almost forty years ago he put his heart into his pastor's hand and received in response his pastor's. The surrender was mutual, and has never suffered any change. Very unlike in the thoughts and purposes of daily life, as to our inner selves, we saw eye in eye, we felt soul in soul, then, and the bond of union has never been broken. True as the magnetized needle—simple as the artless child—firm as the unyielding rock—every year adding proofs to the sincerity and purity of his friendship. I should be treacherous to my own heart did I not lay this tribute to our friendship upon his grave.

Mr. Ballard was a man of decided individuality. The external manifestations of his character were distinctly marked, but the springs of that character were known to but a select few. In his intercourse men he was genial yet reticent, kind yet undemonstrative, generous and broad in his views of life, of right and wrong, yet unobtrusive. He led men and influenced men, not by his words but by his example. I once saw him in imminent peril. The flames were all around him, and the walls on which he was standing were threatening to fall. His men were shouting the alarm, but he heeded them not. He gave no shout. He bade no one risk his life for him or for the property at stake. But as he stood there firm and fearless battling with the flames, they saw his calm purpose, and would have perished with him sooner than forsake the post of duty. I never knew the man so entirely himself, and so influential with others by the mere hidden force of himself. This characteristic appeared very vividly in his methods of business. In business he kept and carried out his own counsels, without intrusting them upon his associates. Self-centered, he looked all around him, measured carefully the results of his plans, gave his conclusions in the fewest words, and soon the co-operation of his associates by their confidence in his judgment, and their belief in the unselfishness of his aims. They knew that he had given the subject more thought than they.

In his religious beliefs and life, this same distinction between the external and the internal, often appears. Many hours in my early ministry we talked theology, and many a time did he test my steel to find out its genuineness. Over the opinions of the day we roamed, he taking the side of an unbeliever in revelation to ascertain the reasons for a belief in revelation, and I alternating with him to ascertain the secret convictions of his mind. But his mind, though open to conviction, was already made up. We had thought the matter through and had reached his conclusions. If you listened to him simply as a controversialist, you might imagine him a stern doubter, but if you plied him with doubts, you would feel the resistance of his whole nature as it reared itself in the defense of the revelation of God and the redemption which that revelation proclaimed. He denounced no creed which contained the essential elements of christianity, yet he had a clearly defined creed to himself, which he sought not so much to propagate as to live by. His religious life,—for he was a man of prayer and he believed in Christ—was a life within, not of expression. It was a like a seed in the ground, cherished and nurtured there, unseen by the human eye but cared for by continual watching. He could and would not talk about it. The inner man was to him the holy of holies, and he allowed none but God to enter there. How often have I seen the glow of fellowship shine in his face at the announcement of some cardinal doctrine or an illustration of some experimental truths.

It shone also in his life of sterling integrity, his love for good men, his hostility to vice, of every form, even that of vicious thought. His earnestness in all moral reforms and religious enterprises, especially his devotion to the cause of temperance, where silently but determinedly he sought the well-being of those under his care. The same individuality marked his benevolence. As he prospered in business he gratified the desires of his heart by aiding the needy. Blessed with a companion whose whole nature yearned to be eyes to the blind and feet to the lame, he shared her sympathies and welcomed her help. He trusted her wisdom, and giving her the means, left the result in her hands. He shrank instinctively from all acknowledgement of his gifts, private and public. He sought no fame for helping a fellow-mortal. Could he but help a fellow-man it was all he desired. His silver and gold fell into the lap of the needy as noiselessly as the autumnal leaf, and was scattered not through ordinary agencies, but like a leaf scattered by the winds to lodge where most needed. And many were the widowed and sorrow-laden hearts he caused to sing for joy. In his home were the same characteristics. It was a sacred and restful place to him. Not being blessed with children, he made it a home for the children of others. He watched with eager tenderness the offspring of others, helped and cared for them as his own, when bearing life's burdens. Friends and strangers have known the quietness and blessedness of his home. Yet here as elsewhere, the same ruling trait of character appeared. He was playful as a child, and genial as a brother, yet the man and the secret of his home-life was known only to the inner circles which was small.

But he has left us a precious memory and the witness that he was ready to depart. So when our summons comes may we approach our grave

"Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

1876-7.

A Retrospect.

Another mile stone passed; another jewel dropped from the chain into the river of time, and the JOURNAL makes its bow and wishes its readers a Happy New Year for 1877; although its own new year and a new volume does not commence for about six weeks. During the past twelve months it has pursued the even tenor of its way, making its weekly visits to hundreds—we can almost say thousands—of families in Southbridge and surrounding towns, freighted with interesting items of local intelligence and general reading. Nothing exciting has happened to it further than a law suit brought by an irate reader, who being sued for four years' arrears in his subscription, indignantly paid the bill and then commenced legal proceedings against us *for two dollars* which he claimed he had overpaid. He has as yet failed to produce duplicate receipts and the case has never been tried. A few who have disapproved of the JOURNAL'S course in various matters have stopped their papers but more new names have been added to the list. The hard times have not helped the circulation any, yet it stands somewhat increased from last year. Journalism in this vicinity has many peculiar disadvantages, the most prominent of which arise from having to look after local interests of so many different communities which are situated in four counties and two states, yet the work though hard is pleasant to any one who likes it (and we do). We trust that our friends, and the public spirited in this vicinity will use their influence to extend the circulation of the JOURNAL. By so doing you give us the means to make a better paper, and you help your own town or village.

The past year has seen no great changes or very notable events. The towns have all "held their own," and some have grown a little. Twenty-seven new houses—some of them very elegant and costly residences—have been erected in Southbridge. Although every one hereabouts visited the Centennial, the spirit has not raged very strongly at home; Southbridge and Sturbridge noted the advent of the new year. Woodstock and Charlton had good Fourth-of-July celebrations; while Union and Brimfield had successful historical reunions later in the season. There has been the same talk of hard times here as elsewhere, but, though existing, they have not in reality been as bad as many have represented. Especially true is this statement if we speak comparatively, looking at many other places where there have been suspensions of large manufacturing enterprises. The times have not effected the operations of the mills in this vicinity to any important extent. The drought of the past few months has been more of a loss than any "hard times." Speaking of the river we may note that it has once during this year reached the highest high water mark on record. Cedar dam went off but providentially the damage done was inconsiderable. The presidential election created an unusual amount of interest and we may say excitement. Meetings were held in all the towns and other demonstrations were made. Southbridge had a grand illumination, but the "boss" meeting of the season was held at Woodstock. The temperance question has received new attention — notably in Southbridge and Sturbridge—and much good work has been done.

We append below some of the most important events of the villages in our immediate vicinity:

January 1 Thermometer 90° above zero.
8 Sturbridge: Addison Holmes, aged 35, found dead in his bed.
10 Holland: Silver wedding of Mr and Mrs T D Butterworth.
February—Gold mines opened in Woodstock.
A gale did much damage to buildings and trees in Woodstock.
3 Town meeting held in Dudley to see about dividing the town.
Elijah Shaw of Wales failed.
27 Mad dogs in Brimfield.
March 6 Southbridge: Soap factory owned by Jedediah Marcy and occupied by James M Marble, burned. Loss $2000; not insured.
10 Grand masquerade at New Boston.
12 Serious fire in Edward's block, Southbridge; loss $6000.
Silas Preston of Eastford robbed of $33.
16 West Dudley: Boiler house at paper mill burned.
19 The "Old Plympton tavern" burned by incendiary fire in Southbridge.
20 Rev. Mr. Flint dies at Shrewsbury.
26 Big freshet on the Quinebaug.
April 2 Silver wedding of Mr and Mrs Abiel Child of Woodstock.
4 Charlton: Golden wedding of Mr and Mrs Daniel G Gibbs.
9 Southbridge: Fire in tenement house of Mr Black; loss $100.
10 Charlton: Golden wedding of Mr and Mrs Gerson Lamb.
13 Southbridge: Golden wedding of Mr and Mrs Luther Travis.
May 29 Barnum's circus exhibited at Southbridge.
9 Napoleon Blanchard killed by the fall of a derrick in Southbridge.
22 Silver wedding of Mr and Mrs Amasa Chandler of Woodstock.
31 Freight house of the New York and New England railroad at Southbridge entered by burglars and robbed of $75.
June 1 John Morrison of Southbridge, while drunk, shot and dangerously wounded his wife.
16 Death of Mrs Morrison of Southbridge.
25 Terrible hail and thunder storm, accompanied by heavy winds; thousands of panes of glass broken and serious damage to crops and trees in various parts of the county.
27 James Flint seriously injured by a falling barn in Charlton.
July 4 Centennial celebrations.
13 Mrs Susan Fay Willard of Sturbridge, died aged 95.
Aug 4 Mr Cunningham's barn at Fiskdale burned; loss $1500.
6 Sylvester Dresser's barn in Southbridge burned; loss $700.
14 Tenement house in Globe Village owned by A McKinstry, burned; loss $2000.
30 Centennial celebration at Union.
15 Frank F Mann of Southbridge found dead in his bed.
31 Rev J E Fullerton dismissed from the pastorate of the Congregational church in Southbridge.
Sept 2 Firemen's muster at Warren.
13 Suicide of Stillman Hendricks of Southbridge.
13 and 14 Woodstock cattle show.
Twenty-second annual exhibition of the Worcester South society at Sturbridge.
Southbridge: Mrs Robert Cain dropped dead in the street.
Oct 1 Mechanics block in Webster destroyed by fire; loss $11,000.
Oct 4 Centennial celebration at Brimfield.
18 Reform club organized at Sturbridge.
24 Grand republican mass meeting at Woodstock.
31 The Ira Berry wire mill in Charlton burned; loss $5500.
Nov 13 Allen Towne of Holland arrested for cattle stealing.
18 Emerson Vinton fatally injured at Harrington's knife works, Southbridge, aged 35.
18 Sudden death of Mrs Smith Merritt of Southbridge of apoplexy.
25 Mrs Lucius Adams of Fiskdale dropped dead while at work.
27 Alfred H Goss killed by cars at coal yard.
29 Stabbing affray at East Woodstock, Southbridge.
Dec 8 Centennial raid on the liquor shops of Southbridge.
16 Alfred Capen of Charlton, dropped dead while walking by the side of his horse, aged 58.

Dec. 2, 1882.

The old "Sam Fiske house" one of the old land marks in town was burned Wednesday morning, the alarm sounding shortly after midnight. Portions of it were 150 years old, and all of it was over 100. It was formerly the residence of some of the first people of the town, but latterly was used as a tenement house by the Hamilton Woolen company who owned it. Still more recently it had fallen into such a condition of shabbiness as to be uninhabitable. The company had commenced repairs upon it only a few days before. The fire was of incendiary origin and had got a good headway before the alarm was sounded, but the fire department made prompt time and with the water from both steamers he flames were quickly extinguished.

A very pleasant occasion was the marriage of Dr. L. Allen of this town and Miss M. R. Wyman of Cambridgeport at North Cambridge the 15th. Tokens of love for the happy pair were numerous and costly. Oct 19

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SOUTHBRIDGE.

Building in Town.—I.

Mar 15 1885.

Southbridge has the reputation of being one of the nicest, neatest and prettiest towns in New England. This arises in large measure from the number of new houses that have been built in recent years. There is very little in the town, in the way of buildings, that is old, and all has been well cared for, so that not a single shabby house can be found in Southbridge.

One thing that contributes not a little to the fine appearance of a place is the skill of its builders. If to thorough workmanship and careful figuring they add good taste and a knowledge of the principles of architecture, they are a benefit to a town more than is represented by the mere dollars and cents they get for a job. For a good-looking substantial building is a pleasure not only to the owner but to every one whose eye is gratified by its comely proportions or graceful design.

One of the leading builders in Southbridge is Leonard Cutler, who has been here in business for nearly a quarter of a century, and yet continues in excellent repute, and this spring is fuller of business than ever. He came to Southbridge the year of the fire which swept over the territory now covered by the Dresser house, Ammidown blocks and the Baptist church. He was then the only builder in town and did the fitting up of the stores for those who were burned out at that time.

The first new building he constructed was a shed for Theodore Harrington, adjoining the shop that formerly stood on Hamilton street.

The first residence he built was the one now occupied by Thomas Sanders on Hamilton street; and the first business block constructed by him was G. H. Hartwell's.

Since that time he has constructed more than one hundred dwellings, many of the number being many of the nicest in town and second to none in any place. The list includes such residences as those of Mrs. John Edwards, A. J. Bartholomew, William Edwards, Sylvester Dresser, Dr. S. C. Hartwell, Geo. K. Dresser, Geo. W. Wells, A. M. Cheney and Henry C. Cady.

Among the business places he has built are the public library block, C. A. Dresser house and Whitford's block.

These buildings are all a great ornament to the town, and it is no small credit to a person to have been their builder.

Besides these among the other more prominent marks of Mr. Cutler's work [illegible] brought forth what he was [illegible] is the French Catholic church of fine proportions and large seating capacity; and the works of the American Optical company, which contain 62,000 square feet of flooring.

In addition he was for five years the Hamilton Woolen company's boss carpenter.

Of the JOURNAL's list of new houses for 1883, Mr. Cutler constructed 13—seven on Chapin street, Memorial block, Duquette's house corner Main and Morris streets, S. F. Marsh's on Edwards street, addition to Boston Branch, one for George W. Wells and one for C. D. Paige. Besides this he built the Irish chapel in Fiskdale. He also made extensive and very successful improvements on the Baptist church.

Last year Mr. Cutler constructed 13 houses—one for Sylvester Dresser on Summer street, one on Everett street for Nelson Baker, one for Adoniram J. Coombs, one on Chestnut street for the Hyde Manufacturing company, four on Chapin street, (two for himself, one for Mrs. M. L. Bradford and one for Mr. Crouch), one for J. Edw. Clemence on South street, three for Charles Hyde on Sayles and High streets near the reservoir, one for Frank Vinton on Highland street. This list alone, even if there had been nothing done by others, would have made a very creditable year's addition to the town.

This year Mr. Cutler has already the equivalent of ten houses on his hands, though the season has scare begun. At Mrs. Kinsey's more money is being expended than would build a small cottage house. Partitions are being moved, water introduced, new windows added, a large piazza built in front, and the entire building remodeled and modernized. Mrs. Kinsey expects to pass most of the summer here. When the work is finished and the grounds graded there will be no better appearing place in town. Mr. Cutler is also at work on two nice villa cottages for Geo. W. Wells on Chapin street. They are to be of tasty and unique design different from anything else in town and in keeping with the romantic locality. He is also building a seven-room cottage for the same gentleman on Wells street. He has also the contract for a very neat and symmetrical eight-room cottage for Hiram C. Wells on Chapin street. It will be of pleasing architecture with four projections. The foundation is under way at the corner of South and High streets for a two-story house for Alvah Hyde, which Mr. Cutler will also build. It will be a fine appearing house, an ornament to the locality, with several projections, and with bays and piazzas on three sides. Charles Hyde has two more under way on the same street of similar design to others in that locality, and Fred. W. Rowley is building a seven-room cottage of unique and graceful design on South street, west of his father's residence. In addition to these Mr. Cutler is rebuilding the Irwin house at Sandersdale, adding one story to it, and modernizing in several ways, for a residence for Thos. Sanders, who will move there when it is finished, so as to be near his business.

This record of work, completed and under way, is a credit to the town as well as to Mr. Cutler. It shows that his ability is appreciated by a public of sufficient enterprise to avail itself of his skill and ideas, to the improving and beautifying of the town. We are glad to record such evidence of public spirit and local talent, and of mutual appreciation of, and labor for, each other.

One more improvement, which the town needs, and which may well be mentioned here, is a hotel to accommodate summer guests who would gladly avail themselves of the beautiful drives in and around Southbridge could they secure accammodations. It has suggested itself to us that if some one would purchase the Sanders estate on Main street and arrange it of suitable shape and size, it would make, with its large and delightful grounds, a place second to none to be found in any country town. We know of no one who would better carry out the plan and give us a more tasty and artistic affair than Mr. Cutler, judging from the many evidences of his ideas in such matters noticed above.

TWENTY-FOUR years ago last Tuesday (Sunday a. m., Dec. 8, 1850,) the big mill of the Hamilton Woolen Company was consumed by fire. Many will remember the day as having been one of the coldest and most disagreeable of that year. The wind blew almost a gale from the west, it had been quite warm and thawing the day previous, but the sudden and extreme change in the night had made the streets and roads icy and exceeding rough. There were no services at the churches on account of the severity of the weather.

The *United States Dry Goods Reporter* says of one of the Hamilton Woolen Company's manufactures:—Oct. '82.

Knickerbocker plaid prints, style 2131, is a pattern unique and original and stands apart from all other designs in calicoes we have observed this season. The plaids are composed of small blocks something like a checquer board, with alternate colorings, and over the blocks is a brilliant moire effect, which includes all the popular shades. The pattern is striking and effective.

garments, we naturally think that the style that happens to be just then in vogue is the acme of perfection. This we all thought ten years ago of the styles then the fashion. Yet how much neater, better-fitting and convenient are the styles of today than those of that time. But we not only dress better than ever before, but it can be done cheaper today in this country than in any other in the world. And in no other land is there, nor has there ever existed, a people that dressed so well and at so low a price as the people of today in this country.

A traveller in any other country can pick out the different classes by their dress, but here people of all classes and conditions dress the same. The invention of so many labor saving machines has enabled cloth and clothing to be manufactured at a much less figure than formerly, consequently the making of men's clothing at one's own home is now almost a custom of the past. A generation or so ago one could buy nothing in the ready-made clothing line, unless it might possibly be a a pair of overalls, or at best a pair of Kentucky jeans. Then all of the better clothes woven by men were made by tailors, and one of these could be found in the smallest hamlet, and a town the present size of Southbridge had a half dozen or more. A good broadcloth suit, such as were then used, did service for at least ten years. But the introduction of sewing machines and power looms revolutionized textile manufactures, and the making of ready-made clothing followed rapidly. Thus the manufacture and sale of ready-made clothing is a feature of this generation alone. The business has had a wonderful growth. It forms today one of the greatest industries in the world. Every city and town in the land, of any considerable size, has its ready-made clothing stores.

The ready-made clothing first put upon the market from the manufactories contained many faults, the chief one being that of not fitting so nicely as desirable. This, however, has been almost wholly remedied, and the cutter now cuts his cloth from his table of measures with such a nicety that taken at random he excels the average tailor in getting a good fit. If your clothing is purchased of a square-dealing firm, who believe that honest dealing is the truest policy, they will in all probability be more strongly made than those purchased of a tailor or rather custom made. Dealing in ready-made clothing has become a prominent feature in the trade of Southbridge. Here, as in no other town of its size in the State, can be found the complete clothing store It is surprising what an enormous amount of goods one of these stores carries. This is essential, for we are a people of varied tastes. The size of one of these stocks of goods was very forcibly brought to our minds yesterday morning while strolling through the store of John A. White & Co., in the C. A. Dresser House block. Here is a store 100 feet in depth by 30 feet in width, high posted, and undoubtedly the best-lighted store in town. With a stream of light proceeding from three sides of the store, and the goods in a great measure spread out on neat and convenient tables, it is a pleasure to walk through their store and inspect thrir goods. Here one can find suits for all ages and sizes, made expressly for this firm. They also show a fine line of neckwear, hats and caps. This is a strictly one price store. Were you to go in here and buy fifty dollars worth of clothing and receiv their price, under no consideration would they take off one cent from the price set. Mr. White was the first in Southbridge to introduce this custom of having one price and maintaining it. Mr. White is one of our youngest merchants in point of years, but he has served a long and thorough apprenticship at his business. He is a native of Winchendon. His first experience in a store was in Winchendon. He was afterwards a clerk for six years in Palmer, buying out his employer at the end of that time. He afterwards engaged in business in Boston, from which place he came to Southbridge. He has lived here three years, and by his strict attention to business, his genial character, and fine business talents, has won for himself the respect and confidence of the people in general.

A letter in last week's JOURNAL from Secretary Corey of the Worcester South Agricultural Society called attention to the suggestion made at the last annual meeting, that each officer of the society set out a tree on the grounds of the society Arbor day. Should this suggestion be carried out, we believe it would be a most commendable proceeding. The aims of the society being educational, this is an excellent method of exemplifying its object. But the proposed work should be commenced and carried out under a system having in view the accomplishment of the greatest amount of good. One tree at least, of every species indigenous to New England might be planted. If after this is done there is room for more, let other hardy deciduous and evergreen trees that are not natives of this section be planted. Care should be taken in properly arranging the trees. A row of willows skirting the banks of Cedar pond, would in a few years present a fine appearance, and the trees can be procured for the cost of digging and planting. Apr 22 1887

THE Southbridge Journal

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1887.

NOTICE.

Commencing next week, the JOURNAL will be issued at nine o'clock Friday mornings, a few hours later than heretofore. We make the change to enable us to more thoroughly cover the news of the previous evening and the early morning. Subscribers in Sturbridge, Charlton, Dudley, the Woodstocks and other vicinity towns will receive their paper Friday afternoon, as usual.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Apr 22 1887

The Beverly investigation seems to have been quite fruitful in results, so far. That improper means were used to secure the passage of the bill to divide the town has been the claim of the anti-divisionists from the start, and now the charge is shown to have been not without foundation. When the sum of $18,000 is raised to aid the scheme for division and all but $3,000 spent, it is evident that about $15,000 has been placed where it would do the most good, in the estimation of the divisionists. If this isn't bribery, what is it? A similar investigation at the time of the Milford-Hopedale case about a year ago, might have proved interesting at the time.

The Catholic clergymen of Worcester spoke forcibly on the liquor question last Sunday, apropos of the applications made for licenses. Rev. T. J. Conaty delivered what might be called a first class temperance address, and at St. John's church Rev. Mr. Griffin stated that of 332 applications for licenses, he found that 240 were made by Irishmen or Catholics. He expressed the hope that some would withdraw their applications before it is too late, admitting that it was too much to expect that all would, but hoping that enough would act in this line to greatly reduce the number. Apr 22 1887

Representative Howe, the Shrewsbury delegate to the General Court, deserves the thanks of the tramping fraternity for his perseverance in securing the passage of the law obliging the selectmen of towns to erect suitable guide boards in proper locations on roads within the limits of their respective towns. Strangers who have occasion to do a great geal of driving through different parts of the state, and who know by experience that the average cross roads guide board is a very uncertain affair, will appreciate the labors of the gentleman from Shrewsbury. Apr 22 1887

5. Francis Xavier, son to Antorne

Electric Light.

The American Optical company have put in practical operation a thirty-light Dynamo of the Ball Unipolar System of Electric Lighting. The Arc lamp is the one used by the company. The light produced by the Ball Unipolar Dynamo is at once noticeable for its uniformity and steadiness. Not the slightest flicker is perceptible, and the light has the further advantage of not being in the least trying to the eyes. Each light is of 1800 candle power; and the immense power of one of these electric lights over a gas light must be seen to be in the slightest degree comprehended. In the polishing room at the works, heretofore, fifty gas jets have been required to furnish the requisite light for the workmen, the gas jets being placed directly in front of the workman; now with the electric light, four lamps are all that are necessary to light the room, literally as light as day. The Ball Dynamo in use, is a small but formidable looking machine, and appears to be to all intents and purposes as near perfection as it is possible to get in anything made by human hands. It gives a constant current which gives steadiness to the light produced. It operates both the arc and incandescent light, and it is in short faultless as a generator of electricity to all appearances. F. E. French, the manager of the Ball Electric Light company, is a man thoroughly versed in the intricacies of his business, and has no hesitation in offering his Dynamo on its merits alone.

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4. Isidore, son to Pierre Gagnon.

—Our local markets are well supplied with the essentials for a good dinner. Potatoes are selling at 75 and 80 cents a bushel, those from the state of Maine selling at the latter price. Onions are in good supply at $1.25 a bushel. Apples are getting scarce and are sold mostly in small quantities, Russetts and Baldwins being 28 cents per peck. Parsnips are plenty and good at 3 cents a pound, Lettuce and radishes sell at 10 cents per bunch and more of these are sold than many people are aware of. Lump and tub butter is sold at 28 cents, while the best private dairies and Worcester county creamery butter sells at 33 cents. Best Haxall flour is retailing at $6.00 por barrel. Mar 22 1887

—There was a perfect jam at the Dresser Opera house Saturday evening, it being the last night of the "Injun" show. The regular troupe were assisted by several local artists including Messrs. Boulanger, Bruso and Brown in their inimitable songs and clog dances. Jerry Mominee the contortionist amazed the audience by his daring and astonishing feats. The Southbridge Brass band played on the street and in the Opera house during the evening, and many remarked that they never heard the band play so well, and manager Hayes voluntarially made a neat little speech in their behalf, during the evening. Much ammusement was caused by the boot and shoe race and the apple race. Prizes were given to the handsomest lady, the homliest man and the laziest man in the audience. A committee chosen by the audience deciding in each case. 1887 April

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WORCESTER SOUTH FAIR GROUNDS AND ARBOR DAY.

To the Editor of the Southbridge Journal:

At the last annual meeting the suggestion was made that each officer of the society, be requested to set out a tree on the fair ground next Arbor day, under the direction of the executive committee, and as that day is fast approaching perhaps a gentle reminder will induce the officers to make preparations, in order that a good beginning may be made this year, and for the benefit of parties being at a distance, or who cannot attend to it personally, we are authorized to say that E. H. Chamberlain, one of the executive committee will furnish good thrifty elm and rock maple, and set them out for $1.00 each.

C. V. COREY, Secretary.

Sturbridge, April 13, 1887.

SOUTHBRIDGE SAVINGS BANK.

The members of the Corporation hereby notified that their annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before them, will be held at the bank in Southbridge, on Tuesday, May 3, next. at 1 p. m.

C. D. MONROE, Treasurer.

Southbridge, April 14, 1887.

on Joseph son to Geo. Pignol

Geo. C. Shepard & Co., invite the public to visit their store and examine their line of Easter cards of new and elegant designs. "Mikado," "Ragged Edge," and "Birch Bark" novelties.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

—Dr. H. D. West has had his residence tastefully repainted.

—Robert McGrath is repairing his tenement house on Robert street.

—Dwight Chamberlain is replanking and lengthening out the Mill street bridge over the brook.

—The town safe was removed to its new quarters in E. M. Phillips & Son's office, Wednesday.

—The new double doors of the vault in both departments of the bank building, were hung this week.

—The red men of the forest, including the beautiful Indian princess, have gone. Hayes has gone too.

—Miss Maggie Simpson entertained a large number of her young friends at her home Monday evening.

—The school committee have organized with Rev. S. Hayward as chairman and Charles Haggerty as clerk.

—Some of the houses on Chapin street have duplicate numbers and much inconvenience is caused thereby.

—Thomas Carroll of Worcester, a former townsman, visited relatives and friends in Southbridge the present week.

—Duke, the shepherd dog owned by John Rowley, died Tuesday morning. He was nearly seventeen years old.

—The new house which C. T. Barber will erect this season for his home, will be similar in style to A. H. Wheeler's residence.

—Now that the question of a High school building is settled the advocates of a system of sewerage are more noisy than ever.

—Workmen are exeavating for the cellar on Everett street, on which will be placed the Botham house, recently purchased by Jacob Booth.

—The *Richmund Va. State* says: Mrs. Barry's impersohation of the Duchess stamped her as one of the finest emotional actresses of the period.

NOTICE.

The partnership between Geo. M. Whitaker and Herbert A. Hargraves, under the firm name of THE SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL PRINTING COMPANY, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All newspaper subscription accounts become the property of our successor, Mr. M. P. Foster. All other accounts will be paid to Geo. M. Whitaker, who will settle all claims against the company.

GEORGE M. WHITAKER,
HERBERT A. HARGRAVES.

Southbridge, Mass., April 6, 1887,

CREAMERY.

All persons interested in establishing a Creamery at West Dudley are invited to meet at the office of the subscriber, Saturday, April 16, at 2 P. M.

C. W. WELD.

West Dudley, April 8, 1887.

Among the Churches.

Thirty-four candidates were admitted into the Congregational church Sunday evening.

Service of song and preaching Sunday evening at the Baptist church. Subject of service, "Personal Duty."

The Universalist ladies' social circle met at the residence of Sylvester Dresser yesterday afternoon and evening.

Rev. Joseph Danielson attended the fellowship meeting of the seven churches at the Congregational church at Spencer, Tuesday.

There will be a song service in the Congregational church next Sunday evening. A short address and inspiring singing. All welcome.

Thirty-six new members have united with the Baptist Sunday school in the last three months. During last year 23 members of the school united with the church.

Elder Withington of Worcester will preach in the school house in Pratt's neighborhood next Sunday evening at 6 o'clock if the weather is not too stormy.

At the Union church last Sabbath morning the pastor preached from Genesis first chapter first verse. A missionary concert was held in the evening at six o'clock preceded by a young people's prayer meeting.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church was held in the lecture room Wednesday evening. The clerk reported nine accessions during the year, the present membership being 232, of which 56 are non-residents. The benevolent contributions amounted to $420.07. Officers were elected as follows: Clerk, Rev.. J. Danielson; Treasures, F. W. Eaton; Auditor, C. D. Monroe; Standing Committee, C. V. Carpenter, E. B. Weld and C. D. Monroe; Superintendent of Sunday school, H. R. Beecher, Assistant Superintendent, C. T. Barber; Secretary, Carrie Simpson; Librarian, G. A. Shepard; Organist, Annie Marble; Treasurer, Chas. T. Barber.

Obituary.

The many friends, acquaintances and former schoolmates of Arthur Boulton, who until a few years since, lived in this town, were grieved to hear of his death which occurred at his home in Geneva, N. Y., Wednesday, Jan. 5, after about a months' sickness. We believe he never possessed a very rugged constitution, and was subject to frequent attacks of sickness. A few years ago he went to Colorado for the benefit of his health, which after a short residence became so much improved that he again came East and settled in Geneva where he married and lived till his death. He leaves a widow.

K. of L. Ball.

The grand calico ball given New Year's eve. at the Dresser Opera house under the auspices of the local assembly of the Knights of Labor was, considering the inclement weather and the number of other entertainments that evening, largely attended. The great number of colors and tints of the ladies dresses formed an appearance not often seen on a ball room floor. Each gentleman wore a necktie of the same style and shade of the dress worn by his lady. Dancing commenced early in the evening and continued till midnight when all repaired to the banquet room and partook of an excellent supper prepared by Geo. W. Faulkner. After the supper dancing was resumed and continued until three o'clock in the morning. The best of order was observed throughout the evening and all in attendance report having a fine time. The Southbridge Quadrille band and concert orchestra furnished superb music.

Y. W. C. T. U.

To the Editor of the Southbridge Journal:

It has long been felt that some organization for Christian work was needed among the young ladies of this town. It is hoped that the Y. W. C. T. U. will supply this need. We have organized with the Temperance Pledge as a basis and our object is to create a public sentiment in favor of total abstinence and do any kind of Christian work that our hands find to do. We sustain a weekly prayer meeting every Thursday at 4:15 p. m. for the present in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. Regular meetings of the Union are held monthly. The work is entirely undenominational, and we hope for the hearty co-operation of all the young ladies of the town. Gentlemen will be received as honorary members.

The young ladies of the Union will hold their first social at the residence of Miss Carrie Cheney on Chestnut street, Thursday, Jan. 13th. The regular meeting of the Union will occupy the first hour commencing at 7 o'clock. Members are expected to be present and all young ladies are invited. Guests will be received at 8 p. m. The usual prayer meeting will be omited on Jan. 13th.

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A dancing contest between the local dancers for a handsome silver cup offered by Dr. Ashley, the renowned dentist, took place in the town hall, Thursday night. There were four entries, and the judges awarded the cup to E. Belanger, who is the champion dancer of this town. Belanger, who was too good a dancer for the other contestants, then presented the cup to the second best dancer, Albert Bruso. Dr. Ashley complimented Belanger on his grace, ease and style of dancing, and said he would present him with an elegant meerschaum pipe.—*Boston Globe.* 1887.

At the annual meeting of W. C. T. U. last Tuesday, Jan. 4th, at the residence of Mrs. Sylvester Dresser the former officers were reelected as follows: President, Mrs. Sylvester Dresser; Vice-presidents, Mrs. Joseph Danielson and Mrs. Charles Hyde; Superintendent of juvenile work, Mrs. Wood; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Manning Leonard. The meetings of this association are held on the first Tuesday of each month. All mothers are especially invited to attend. At these meetings the importance of teaching temperance in our homes is particularly dwelt upon and a way pointed out in which to interest the boys and girls.

Public Library.

A copy of Lieut. Greely's "Three Years of Arctic Service" has been received at the library. The numbers of the volumes are 5.620-1. 1887.

The lecture by Henri Boland on the first Napoleon at the town hall New Year's evening was not very largely attended but the discourse is well spoken of by those in attendance. After the lecture a banquet in honor of the distinguished guest was given in St. John's and Circle Canadian halls.

The Hamilton Woolen Co. have recently purchased and put in operation a Bolette wool condenser. It performs just double the amount of work done by the ordinary ring dorfer from which forty strands are produced while the new condenser makes eighty strands. It is a very complicated pieces of machinery. Jan - 1887.

Court Southbridge, Ancient Order of Foresters, has elected the following officers: Chief Ranger, Patrick Mullen; Sub-Chief Ranger, Peter Benway; Secretary, Patrick M. Dalton; Treasurer, M. Eagan; Senior Woodward, Hugh Kane; Junior Woodward, John Senecal; Senior Beadle, Joseph Surpenant; Junior Beadle, Peter Caplette.

A Crystal Wedding.

One of those social incidents that form an era in the lives of the participants and that inclines to the crystalization of the human family, occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. M. Olney on Edwards street Saturday evening, Jan. 1, it being the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage. 1887

The enjoyment of this occasion was the more because of its entire surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Olney, who upon their return from Sandersdale where they had been the guests at a New Year's dinner, at Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Sanders, found their residence in possession of a host of relatives and friends, among whom were the parents of Mrs. Olney, Mr. and Mrs. Liberty A. Lyon, to whom the occasion must have been particularly gratifying, as likewise must have been their presence to Mr. and Mrs. Olney. Jas. Lyon, an uncle of Mrs. Olney, was also among the guests.

Rev. W. J. Pomfret, pastor of the M. E. Church, addressed the happy couple in words fitting to the occasion and sped them on life's journey anew.

The presents made by friends were not only numerous but were especially chaste and elegant in design and finish

The happy hours of the evening were spent in social games and in singing. E. B. Cummings and daughter, Annie, added much to the pleasures of the evening by their singing of selections from the Gospel Choir.

As the friends departed to their respective homes they joined in wishing many returns to Mr. and Mrs. Olney of their wedding day, a wish that the many friends of the couple that were not at the celebration of their crystal wedding will also join in.

Wm. C. Cady exhibited a breeding pen of Langshans fowls at the Spencer poultry show this week and won first and special premiums on breeding pen, second premium on pairs and special on best pullet in that class. 1887.

The South Brookfield High school scholars, 32 in number, stopped at the Dresser house, Thursday; also the Putnam Grammar school, 20 in number, on Wednesday, and the Putnam High school, numbering 28, on Thursday. '87

Wm. R. Paton has been drawn grand juror for the ensuing year; and Edwin Dexter traverse juror for the next term of court at Worcester. 1887

Dr. Sawtelle's troup of trained St. Bernard dogs gave two novel entertainments at the Edwards Opera house last Thursday and Friday evenings, with matinees each day. 1887.

Personal.

Jan. 17, 1887.

Miss Franziska Tauber is to sing this week in Farmington, Me.

John W. McKinstry has entered the employ of R. H. White & Co. of Boston.

Dr. L. W. Curtis addressed a Hampden East Agricultural society's institute at Palmer, Tuesday.

Our representative at Boston is a member of the House committees on Education and Library.

Misses Etta and Mary Stone of Brookfield are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fiske, former residents of this town, but recently of Columbus, Ohio, are visiting friends in town. They will soon go to reside in St. Paul, Minn.

W. C. Whitford is employed setting boilers for Messrs Allen & Co. of Worcester; and travels over large sections of New England and sometimes goes as far as Pennsylvania.

Wm. O'Mara who for a number of years carried on the tailoring business in this town died recently in North Adams. His body was brought to this town for interment Thursday.

Mrs. Susie Knight owing to ill health is not teaching her school this week. Her place is filled by Miss Agnes Meagher, teacher of the River-street primary school, and her place in turn is filled by Miss May Meagher.

W. Tauber, is painting the portrait of a recently deceased gentleman of Farmington, Me. the late F. W. Austin, from a photograph taken twenty-five years ago. By the aid of a description he hopes to produce a likeness of him as he appeared shortly before his death.

L. W. Litchfield left town Wednesday for New York, accompanied by his wife, where he will engage as partner in the wholesale manufacture of ladies', misses' and children's fine suits and children's and misses' cloaks. Mr. Litchfield will have charge of the books and finances of the firm.

A recent issue of the *Magog News* gives an interesting account of a high tea given by Mr. and Mrs. John McAdams on Christmas eve. and which was attended by a large number of their friends. A choice literary and musical program was rendered and the host and hostess were recipients of several fine presents.

The Union church choir gave Mr. and Mrs. Liberty W. Litchfield a pleasant and complete surprise visit at the residence of P. L. Litchfield last Saturday evening. During this visit the choir presented to Mrs. Litchfield an elegantly bound and richly illustrated copy of Shakespere's "Seven Ages of Man," which gift shows in a measure the high esteem of her former associates in the choir. Mr. and Mrs. Litchfield left for their home in New York Wednesday morning.

A Unique Supper.

Harken to the Man-date! Let it com-Man-d your attention! The undertaking is com-Men-dable! On Thursday evening, January 20, we, t He Men of the Universalist society, would Men-tion that We have mad arrange-Men-ts for a grand supper on a mo-Men-tous scale that will com-Men-d itself to t-He public at a mo Men-ts reading of the Men-u, the varied di Men-tions of which will suit t-He tastes of Man-y. 1887.

MEN U.

Clam chowder (not squaw clams).
Oysters: Raw, Escalloped and Stewed.

COLD.

Corned ox. Ox tongue.
Boiled He-am.

BREAD.

Bread from Chip-Man's.
W-He-at rolls. Brown bread.
W-He-at bread.

PASTRY.

Men-ce, Apple and Squash pies.
Blanc-Man-ge.

DRINKS.

Tea (not old by Son). Coffee (Maleberry).

ICE-CREAM, A LA POTTER.

Fancy cake (Man made for those who de-Man-d it).

Supper com-Men-ces at 6 o'clock and will be served from 6 until 9 o'clock by the Men, in an im-Men-ce Man-ner, for 35 cents.

The Man-age-Men-t de-Man-d t-He attention and judg-Men-t of the public upon this their first experi-Men-t. All Man-kind invited.

Y. W. C. T. U.

Jan. 14, 1887.

The first social of the Y. W. C. T. U. took place last evening at the residence of Miss Carrie N. Cheney on Chestnut street, and those who attended give a unanimous verdict as to its being the leading event of the season. The hour from 7 until 8 was devoted to a business meeting of the society. After 8 guests began to arrive and were received by Mr. and Mrs. Cheney and Miss Carrie assisted by G. A. Putnam of Worcester. Before the arrivals ceased fully 200 had gathered and the evening was devoted to social games and musical selections, several local soloists entertaining an appreciative audience. At a seasonable hour, after thanking their hostess for pleasant entertainment, all took their departure, hoping for a recurrance of a Y. W. C. T. U. social.

Butter is selling in our markets at 28 and 30 cents a pound with a few choice creameries at 35 cents per pound. Potatoes are in full supply at 70 cents per bushel, retail. Apples are selling at $1.50 per barrel. Florida oranges have virtually crowded out all other growths and are plenty, cheap and remarkably large. Sugar unchanged. Flour is or soon will be a shade higher.

At the stockholders' annual meeting, Wednesday, the following officers of the Hamilton Woolen company were elected: Directors, Charles Merriam, John R. Brewer, J. D. W. Joy, Alden Speare, Adolphus Merriam, Thomas P. Beal, Nathaniel Thayer; treasurer, C. A. Coleman; clerk, Adolphus Merriam.

Monday evening some forty of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fitts gave them a very pleasant surprise visit at their residence on Glover street. Besides the regulation festivities of such an occasion there were readings, songs and recitations. Mrs. Fitts was the recipience of a pair of beautiful vases. Jan. 28, 1887.

Forty-six of the scholars of the Webster high school formed a sleighing party that visited this town last Saturday. They were accompanied by their principal, W. C. Whitney and Mrs. Whitney. They were a fine looking and well behaved lot of boys and girls and made a good impression in town. After eating one of Landlord Parker's appreciative suppers they returned to Webster.

The branch of the East St. Louis Beef Co. which has located in this town received its first car load of beef Wednesday. They have fitted up and furnished a room in the old car house in a thorough and convenient manner. The refrigerator will hold fifty tons of ice and will require filling four or five times a year. Whether we shall get our meat any cheaper after they get to running than we have here-to-fore remains to be seen, but at all events it will be cleaner and fresher.

A regular old fashioned January thaw set in last Saturday and continued till Monday afternoon. Rain commenced to fall Monday morning and that with a warm south wind carried off the snow so suddenly as to cause the streams to rise rapidly and a breaking up of the ice on some of the smaller ponds. Huge piles of anchor ice have lodged at various places in the river. The sleighing about town is good, but in some places out side the town it is all gone.

Jan. 26. 1887.

Wedding Bells.

The most brilliant social event of the season thus far, occurred Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Wm. C. Barnes on Hamilton St., it being the occasion of the marriage of Elbridge C. Ellis, well known as one of our leading merchants, and Miss Allie L., youngest daughter of Wm. C. Barnes.

The invited guests who assembled to witness the celebration of the nuptials included parties from Boston, Lowell, Salem and Worcester. The floral decorations were extensive and artistically arranged. The chandeliers of the rooms were entwined with heavy strings of smylax. Bouquets composed of choice varieties of roses, hyacinths, narcissi, fusias and carnations were placed upon the mantles, shelves and tables, while here and there about the house were banks of flowers, palms and rare ferns. T. Jerome Harrington furnished all the flowers for the occasion.

Rev. Mr. Magwire, pastor of the Universalist church, performed the ceremony that made the happy couple one.

The costumes of the ladies present were all gems of art and further enhanced the resplendency of the scene. The bridal costume was a Faille Francaise, crystal trimmings, entrain, veil fastened with orange blossoms and diamonds; the bridal bouquet was composed entirely of Cornelia Cook roses. There were four brides-maids each differently attired, and carrying bouquets; one of English violets; one, Safrano roses; one, Catherine Mermet; one, Bon-Si-Lene.

Rarely, if ever, has there been so fine and extensive a display of presents as were bestowed on the young couple, and fortunately for them, there were no duplicates. The collection consists in part of a very handsome collection of sterling silver table ware elegantly engraved, a silver service, a water set composed of a massive solid silver pitcher and salver and cut glass tumblers, a richly up-holstered easy-chair, bronze vases, an immense quantity of bric-a-brac, many pieces of real Worcestershire ware, card receivers, table or bureau scarfs, a collection of very fine and desirable paintings and engravings, a curiously wrought stag-horn carving set, Japanese ware, hand mirror, bridal fan, etc. Among out of town guests there were present Mrs. Brooks of Salem, W. S. Robinson of Boston, S.T. Barnes of Lowell, Miss Messenger of Pawtucket, R. I., Mrs. E. M. Cole of Geneva, N. Y., Miss Garfield of Worcester, Miss Mary Olney of Easthampton. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have gone to New York on their wedding trip.

Jan. 1887.

Henri Boland's Lecture.

Henri Boland delivered his second lecture in Dresser hall last Tuesday evening. The hall was crowded. The lecturer's subject was, "The Canadians in the United States." Mr. Boland is a very eloquent speaker; although he spoke for two hours, everybody wished he could have spoken for an hour more as he knows so well how to interest his listeners. He pointed out to the French Canadians their duty in their adopted country. He told them to keep pace with the times, to be educated and to become citizens if they want to be respected and not be called an inferior race. He spoke at length of the ties that bind Canada and France.

Mr. Boland will give a lecture in Manchester, N. H., next Tuesday, and on the 18th of February he will give his last lecture in the city of Quebec. He will start for New York in the last days of February when he will embark for his home in France. Mr. Boland has made many friends in the United States, and we hope we will enjoy the pleasure of seeing him soon again among us.

Jan. 28. 1887.

Y. W. C. T. U.

The usual prayer meeting was held Thursday at 4 p. m. in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. About 30 were present and the meeting was both interesting and helpful. Are there not more of our young ladies who will avail themselves of the privileges and blessings of the meetings. We meet next Thursday at 4 p. m.

We extend our hearty thanks to the Y. M. C. A. for their kindness in allowing us the use of their rooms in the past and the promise of their use in the future.

Jan. 1887.

Among the Churches.

Song service and preaching at the Baptist church, Sunday evening. Subject of sermon, "Two Certainties."

Though the walking was so bad last Sunday, there were one hundred and forty present at the Baptist Sunday school.

There will be a meeting of the Union church society this (Friday) evening; after the meeting a social conference will take place.

Gospel song service next Sabbath evening at the Congregational church. Short address on "Entering the Ark." All are welcome.

Personal.

Jan. 28. 1887.

Henry Whitaker jr. is on a ten days trip to New York.

Frank Curtis of Marlboro has been in town this week.

Mrs. Jonathan Cutting is quite sick. She is 85 years old.

Wm. C. Cady visited the poultry show in Boston this week.

Miss Jennie Litchfield is visiting friends in Milwaukee, Wis.

Patrick Mullen returned this week from quite an extended trip.

Miss Mary Remington expects to resume her teaching next week.

Miss Gould, the assistant teacher at the high school, resigned Tuesday.

H. Caffrey has secured the services of Eugene Martel in his barber shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Cook visited relatives in New York the past week.

Daniel Rowe, former editor of the *Worcester County Democrat*, was in town Monday.

H. C. Bonney, an official of the New England Telephone Co., was in town Tuesday.

Ex-Superintendent Harper has obtained a lucrative position in Dalton, Georgia.

Miss Maud Oldham is at home on a three weeks vacation from the Normal school at Framingham.

Edwin Dexter was excused from serving on the jury at the criminal term of court at Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Newell of New Bedford were in town this week on a visit to Mrs. Daniel F. Newell.

Jas. Paton came home from Malden Saturday evening. Monday he returned to Malden accompanied by Mrs. Paton.

Hon. A. J. Bartholomew of this town is one of the vice-presidents of the new Worcester County Bar association.

Thomas Stevenson was called to his father's home in Williamsville, Ct., this week, owing to the latter's sickness.

Wm. H. Eccleston, John Morse, Otis B. Gay, Jas. H. Kelley, C. E. Wilson and Marcus A. Dillaber attended the poultry show at Boston.

Geo. M. Whitaker was re-elected president of the Massachusetts Press association at their fourteenth annual meeting in Boston, Tuesday.

Alex. Senecal has been confined to his house since last week on account of a very severe cold, and it is hoped that he will be able to attend to business again as usual, in a few days.

Thos. Mullen, the foreman of the bleach room at the Hamilton Woolen Co's print-works at the time of the shut down, has accepted a similar position in a print-works at Providence, R. I.

Mr. F. W. Fiske and family who have been with Mrs. Fiske's mother since Christmas week, left here Monday afternoon for St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Fiske is to be in the high school where he taught four years.

Last Sabbath Rev. Mr. Hayward preached to his people at the Union church from Matt. xii:30. A service of song and praise was held in the evening.

Jan. 28. 1887.

The supper served by the men at the vestry of the Universalist church last Thursday evening was a very successful affair. The men demonstrated their ability to cook and serve a repast in a manner that admits of no contradiction. We understand that the proceeds were between fifty and sixty dollars.

The Union church Sunday school elected the following officers last Sunday:

Supt.—B. U. Bugbee.
Asst. Supt.—Miss Belle Hayward.
Librarian—Thomas Oldham.
Asst. Librarian—Harry Oldham,
Executive Com.—Mrs. A. H. Wheeler and Mrs. J. S. Bartlett.
Library Com.—B. U. Bugbee, Mrs. Chas. Kimball, Mrs. B. U. Bugbee, Rev. Mr. Hayward, Mrs. J. S. Bartlett, F. G. Blanchard, J. P. Taylor.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Jan. 28. 1887.

Meeting for men only on Monday evening next from 8 to 9 o'clock. Subject: "Which company ought I to keep!" Psalm 1. All men are cordially welcome. Come yourself and invite others.

The regular monthly business meeting of the association will be held Monday evening. Any desiring to join the association are requested to send in their names.

A meeting specially for boys will be held at the rooms Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The informal talk on "Sights across the Continent" by J. M. Cochran, esq, will be given in February. A further announcement will be made as soon as the date is definitely arranged.

There is a movement on foot to organize an association in Putnam, and the basis of the Southbridge Y. M. C. A.

No young man in Southbridge should fail hearing the lecture next Tuesday evening on "Garfield,—a typical American career," by Dr. Meredith of Boston.

Saturday evening. During this visi[illegible] Y. M. C. A.

A Social Reception.

Jan. 1887.

There was a large attendance at the reception and gymnastic exhibition at the Y. M. C. A. rooms Tuesday evening. Clifton Snell had charge of the exercises which consisted first of a song by Miss Minnie Searles entitled, "Hark, the Bells are Ringing," the singing of which was well received by the audience. Mrs. Carpenter presided at the piano. The "Monument of the Mountain," one of Bryant's poems was next recited by Miss Edith Snell of Sturdridge in a voice so clear and distinct and a manner so easy and graceful as to captivate her audience. E. W. Winter followed the recitation of Miss Snell with a song which pleased his listeners immensely. It was a very difficult piece to sing but Mr. Winter mastered it without any apparent difficulty. Miss Mary Ellis now recited Will Carleton's poem, "The Death Bridge of the River Tay," which tells of an incident connected with the terrible railroad disaster by the breaking of a bridge on that river a few years ago. Miss Ellis displayed fine tact as a reader in this recitation. The poem contains considerable Scotch dialect which Miss Ellis happily and truthfully rendered. The audience caught every word of the poem as she uttered it and attentively listened to the recital throughout. Mrs. E. G. Guy now sang, "Father's Boat," a descriptive song given so exquisitely and distinctly that her auditors could easily follow its thread, which with her singing, made it doubly interesting. Mrs. Cutler presided at the piano while Mrs. Guy sang. A half hour was now spent in social chat and salutations, at the close of which all were invited to step into the gymnasium and witness the exercises of the class in gymnastics which were watched with intense delight by all. Many of the feats performed were quite difficult, but all showed a remarkable proficiency considering the short time they have been practising.

Doric Chapter R. A. M. at their meeting Monday evening elected the following officers:

Jan. 1887.

J. M. Cochran—M. E. H. P.
Geo. M. Lovell—E. K.
E. M. Phillips—E. S.
C. W. Hill—Treasurer
Hiram C. Wells—Secretary
P. T. Litchfield—Chap.
Jos. Fellows—C. of H.
W. H. Howland—P. S.
W. C. Lewis—R. A. C.
J. H. Warren—M. 3d V.
A. Fellows—M. 2d V.
Azel Thompson—M. 1st V.
Geo. C. Sheperd—Tyler

We will insert for the benefit of outsiders who do not quite understand the object of the Union the following from our constitution: Jan. 14. 1887.

"The object of this Union shall be for the training of the young people of the town socially, morally, and spiritually, and to educate public sentiment in favor of total abstinence and the complete banishment of the liquor traffic."

OFFICERS.

President—Miss E. A. Vinton.
1st Vice-President—Miss K. L. Edwards.
2d Vice-President—Miss M. E. Cady.
3d Vice-President—Miss M. E. Clemence.
4th Vice-President—Mrs. Dr. Sanborn.
5th Vice-President—Miss M. A. Pellett.
6th Vice-President—Miss Helen Brown.
Cor. Secretary—Miss Minnie P. French.
Rec. Secretary—Miss Edith Bartholomew.
Treasurer—Miss Stebbins.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

S. S. Work—Miss J. F. Litchfield.
Juvenile Work—Miss M. E. Pomfret.
Temp. Lit.—Miss Martha Cutting.
Inf. Press—Miss E. J. Bartholomew.
Devotional Work—Miss I. Brewster.
Social—Miss Carrie Cheney.

Jan X **Obituary.** 14, 1887.

Miss Adelia Moncrieff, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Moncrieff who resided in this town during the early '60's died at the home of her parents in Boston last Monday after a long continued sickness, aged 15 years. Miss Moncrieff is said to have possessed many of those amiable traits of character which endeared her to all acquaintances. She early in life displayed fine talents as a reader and at the time of her death was developing into an exceptionally good elocutionist. Four years ago she read at one of the Masonic socials in this town. The funeral of Miss Moncrieff took place yesterday from her late home in Boston. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lewis of this town were present.

Jan. **Woman's Relief Corps.** 14, 1887.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The officers elect for the ensuing year of Malcolm Amidown Relief Corps No. 71 were publicly installed at the Odd Fellows hall, Monday evening by Mrs. Mary M. Perry of Springfield, instituting and installing officer of the department of Massachusetts. The guests of honor were Malcolm Ammidown post G. A. R., most of the members of which appeared in the uniforms of their order and the local lodge of Odd Fellows who during the formal exercises of the occasion sat in a group wearing the regalia of the third degree of their order. Immediately after the formal opening of the meeting Mrs. President Morse without any unnecessary or time consuming ceremonies ordered the installing officer, who was waiting in an ante-room, to be conducted into the hall. The ritualistic ceremonies attending this part of the proceedings having been completed the installing officer assumed the control of the corps, and proceeded to install the following duly elected officers:

President—Mrs. Mary J. Morse.
Senior Vice Pres.—Mrs. Hattie Morse.
Junior Vice Pres.—Mrs. Martha Allen.
Treasurer—Mrs. Mary E. Vinton.
Secretary—Miss Mary E. Pellet.
Chaplain—Mrs. Lillie E. Cook.
Conductor—Miss Grace Johnson.
Guard—Miss Addie Martin.
Asst. Conductor—Miss Martha Cutting.
Asst. Guard—Miss Florence E. Mason.

The installation exercises were beautiful for their simplicity and freedom from ostentation. The military salutes steps and movements incidental to the ceremonies were peformed with a precision and grace that would have done credit to a body of veteran soldiers and elicited the warmest commendations of the interested guests. The musical part of the installation further enhanced the interest and pleasure of the proceedings and was performed by Miss Florence King the organist of the corps. After the installation of the officers Mrs. President Morse in a neat little speech full of pathos and meaning coveyed the thanks of the corps to the I. O. O. F. for the free and unrestricted use of the hall since their organization and further stated the aim of the organization to be the assistance of the soldier's widow and orphans. At the close of the President's remarks Mrs. H. N. Carpenter sang in her brilliant and effective style a song entitled "The Last Night" this was followed by the reading of an humorous piece called the "Jiners" a burlesque on the man who joins every society that he can. This was read by Miss Jennie Abbott, with skill and truthfulness that would do credit to a professional reader. She was warmly applauded during and after the reading. After the reading on invitation all repaired to the banquet room and enjoyed a repast to which the word "plentiful" can be added with entire propriety. The remaining time of the evening was spent in social conversation and pleasantness until the close. The proceedings of the evening were admirably planned and as finely carried out and the corps can justly congratulate itself on its brilliant success.

X The *New England Farmer* celebrated its 65th birthday and the close of the first year under the management of Geo. M. Whitaker by an enlargement and now appears in the eight page form, pasted and trimmed. 1887.

X **A Cool Affair.**

THE ICE BROKEN THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO. 1887.

The pioneer ice dealer in this town was Dr. L. W. Curtis, who in 1851 constructed an ice-house just west of his residence and as near Pleasure pond as practicable.

There were at this date two or more ice houses in town, one of these was owned by the late Jedidiah Marcy and was located on a spot near the present residence of A. J. Bartholomew. The other was a part of the old Plimpton tavern where Alden's block now stands. But the owners of these ice houses stored the article only for their private use.

The original plan of building an ice house was to have all but the roof under ground. Entrance to the house being had through a door in the gable end. The houses we have mentioned were built in this style. The supposition of the first builders of ice houses was, that ice stored in a building so made would keep better than in a house constructed entirely above ground. Time and experience did not sustain this theory, as the very position of the building, naturally, created a moist atmosphere, which above all things else, unless it be heat, should be avoided in an ice house. Dryness is an essential element to the preservation of ice. Ice men prefer a clear, cold day in which to gather and store the crop to one that is warm and moist, as on the former the cakes of ice become dry immediately on their removal from the water. In this condition they are handled with far greater ease than on the latter day when they are moist and sticky.

Dr. Curtis continued in the business three seasons. Fifty tons of ice was the maximum amount stored in any one season; but his average sales for the three seasons were only ten tons. His ice was taken from Pleasure pond and all sawed by hand. During the summer season his ice team made a trip through the town once a week and 600 pounds sold during one trip is his largest recorded sale. The demand for ice not increasing, at the close of the season of 1853 he discontinued the business and took down his ice house. While the doctor continued in the ice business he sold it for twenty-five cents per hundred pounds.

After the Plimpton tavern came into the possession of the Hamilton Woolen Co., they filled the house mentioned above with ice for use in their boarding houses. But after the retirement of Dr. Curtis from the ice business, some of

his former customers looked to the company for their supply, and this was the commencement of their ice business. In a few years the demand had increased to such an extent that the ice house of the Plimpton tavern or men's boarding house as it was now designated, was not of a sufficient capacity to hold the needed supply and the company erected their first ice house at the big pond. In the earliest years of the company's business, the ice was cut into cakes four feet long, these were loaded on an ox sled backed into the water and then drawn to the ice house. During the summer season the steward of the ladies' boarding house, as it was then called, delivered the ice to the company's customers on a wheel barrow. When the business had increased to such an extent as to require an ordinary business wagon for its delivery, it formed the principal topic of conversation about town for a month. The company thus got into the ice business as the saying goes "unbeknownst to themselves" or rather through no preconceived plan of their own. As the consumption of ice increased, as it did very rapidly, frequent additions were made to the original ice house until today it has a capacity exceeding one thousand tons. Two years ago they built another house having a capacity of about five hundred tons.

The Company have all the modern facilities for harvesting the ice. Almost every thing except the placing of the cakes in position being done by machinery and a ton of ice is gathered in an incredibly short time. As the harvest season begins, B. C. Stone, foreman of the out door work of the Company, and who has seen the entire growth of the Company starts with a large gang of men and teams and hurries the work to its utmost till its completion, oftentimes working into the night, as the ice harvesting time is a precarious one and a storm of either snow or rain causes considerable additional expense. With the exception of one season the Company have been enabled to secure a crop of ice from the big pond. But the winter of 1859-60 was so mild that ice of sufficient thickness did not form on the big pond. That season they cut their ice on Pleasure pond and even there it was only eight inches thick and not that till the month of March. The business wagon in which they used to deliver ice soon gave way to a veritable one horse ice cart this was driven for many years by Wm. Remington a man of great physical strength and possessed of a pair of lungs that enabled him to make a racket that would cause a young thunder storm to tremble and the boy of those days bent on stealing a piece of ice from the cart first made sure of his line of retreat. The one horse cart was after awhile placed on the retired list and the present two horse carts now used substituted. The weekly trip has now become daily. The ice taken from the big pond cut as it is from such a large body of constantly flowing water cannot be otherwise than exceptionally pure. There is not an atom of space on the pond where water stands long enough to become stagnant. The Fiskdale Mills as the river runs must be ten miles away; and the Quinebaug running so swiftly must purify itself in a short distance of all deleterous matter that gets into it at these mills.

About fifteen years ago Theodore Harrington built an ice house near his knife shop pond and sold ice for two or three seasons after which he went out of the business. With this exception the Hamilton Woolen Company have been without a competitor since they started until two years ago when Henry A. Morse took the plant of Mr. Harrington's former business. Mr. Morse says he has stored from twelve hundred to thirteen hundred tons of ice which with the company's fifteen tons of ice gives a total of twenty-eight hundred tons now ready for sale the coming season in this town as against the ten tons sold by Dr. Curtis in 1853; only thirty four years ago. But this amount does not show all of the ice stored in town as a score or more of our residents have an ice house of their own.

Geo. L. Clemence, A. M. Cheney, Geo. W. Wells, M. M. Marble, W. H. H. Cheney, P. N. LeClair and others also, fill ice houses of their own. We are probably within bounds in putting the amount of ice now stored for next seasons use in this town at three thousand five hundred tons. How suggestive these figures are and how plainly they show the mode of life today compared with that of only a generation ago.

There are a number of individuals and firms in town who now use in one season more ice than Dr. Curtis sold in the whole town during the three seasons he was in the business. We give the names of a few of the larger consumers of ice and the amounts used in one season. M. M. Marble, 65 tons: J. S. Gleason 60: Geo. L. Clemence 50; T. Potter 40; J. F. Parker 50; American Optical Co. 200; M. J. Supernant and P. N. LeClair 50 each; Eugene Comstock 50. The fulness of the rivers and ponds and the steady cold weather have combined to produce a fine quality of ice this season and we are now assured of a full crop of ice cream, cool soda and ice cold lemonade the coming summer.

Jan. 1887.

Resolutions

HEADQUARTERS MALCOLM AMMIDOWN POST No. 168. DEPARTMENT OF MASS., G. A. R., SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.

The angel of death has again visited our ranks and taken our honored comrade, John Alexander Logan, for three years Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic:

By his death the Grand Army has lost one of its most devoted and earnest friends; his record on the field was a glorious one, and whether as General at the head of his gallant troops or as statesman in the halls of Congress, he was ever ready to stand fearlessly by his old Comrades in Arms. His large heartedness, his generosity to the needy and destitute, his uniform kindness to all, endeared him to every member of our organization with whom he became associated; brave, frank, magnanimous, he will live in the hearts of those he has left behind, and their love and grief will be a grander tribute to his memory than the proudest chaplet which fame can lay upon his grave. Therefore be it

Resolved. That we commend the great lessons of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, so grandly exemplified in the life of our late comrade to the citizens of this community, believing that a study of the same will make us all more worthy citizens of a country that owes its present prosperity and greatness to the sacrifices of such men.

Voted that the above resolutions be entered on the records of the Post and published in our local papers.

The generosity of the heirs of the late Hon. Manning Leonard has enabled the Young Men's Christian Association of this town to secure at a reasonable price a site for a building, corner Main and Elm streets, which we trust will be built soon, and an ornament to Southbridge to compare favorably with the new bank building just east of the corner where now stand the "Columbian buildings," although they are still in good condition and appearance. Jan. 1887.

At the annual meeting of the Southbridge National bank, the following officers were re-elected: Directors—Jacob Edwards of Boston, R. H. Cole, C. A. Paige, J. O. McKinstry, G. W. Wells, C. D. Paige, F. L. Chapin of Southbridge; President—J. Edwards; Vice-President—R. H. Cole; Cashier—F. L. Chapin. Jan. 1887.

About 28 members of the Southbridge High school were entertained at the Bugbee house, Putnam, last Tuesday. Parker's Pinafore carried them and all report a very enjoyable time. 1887.

A Brief Summary of Local Events in 1886.

JANUARY.

5th. Installation of officers of the Odd Fellows lodge.

12th. Mercury 12° below zero.

13th. Coldest day known for twenty-five years; 25° below zero.

14th. Installation of officers of A. O. F. court.

15th. Southbridge polo team wins a game at Warren.

FEBRUARY.

1st. High school teachers and the senior class meet at the residence of Frank C. Litchfield.

4th. Great ice storm; fruit and shade trees broken down by the weight of the ice.

5th. Telephone wires encased in ice ten inches in thickness.

8th. Sentence of Alfred Morton to the Concord reformatory for two years and six months.

9th. Grand dramatic entertainment at St. Peter's institute, under the auspices of St. Mary's Temperance society.

10th. Suit of Jas. Morrissey against the town settled at Worcester.

11th. Mrs. Carpenter's benefit at Edwards Opera house. Terrible cold weather.

13th. Death of Daniel Whitford, aged 68.

16th. Carleton lectures at Edwards Opera house on the "Battle Summer."

18th. Farmers' institute at Edwards Opera house. Lecture by John E. Russell on the "Horse." John E. Russell lectures in the Y. M. C. A. Star course on "An American in England." Warm weather and heavy rains cause an unprecedented freshet.

26th. Carleton lectures on Gettysburg in G. A. R. course. Intensely cold with four days of very high wind.

MARCH.

8th. Total destruction of Albert McKinstry's block corner Main and Pleasant streets.

9th. Rev. Dr. Merideth lectures in Y. M. C. A. Star course on "Leisure Hours."

13th. Henry McKinstry accidently killed.

19th. Graduating exercises of the high school.

APRIL.

2d. Republican caucus at town hall selects a committe of twenty-five to nominate a citizen's ticket.

3d. Democratic caucus at town hall nominates a straight ticket.

Lively correspondence in the JOURNAL in regard to town affairs.

Secret session of the committee of twenty-five, they resolve not to make known their ticket till the opening of the polls on the 5th.

5th. Annual town meeting. Intense curiosity to learn the make-up of the ticket of the "twenty-five." All town business postponed. Virtual triumph of the unterrified.

The JOURNAL issues an "Extra" in fifteen minutes after the announcement of the result.

8th. Death of Lewis Eccleston aged 34 years.

21st. Death of Daniel Perry aged 79 years 5 months.

25th. Easter Sunday.

26th. Death of Leonard Cutler aged 49 years.

Odd fellows celebrate the 67th anniversary of the order.

MAY.

1st. Indication of an early season, High temperature.

3d. Special town meeting.

6th. Dissolution of the Southbridge Horticultural society.

9th. Terrific thunder storm.

11th. Spinners and Pentagraphers strike.

28th. Thomas Holden died aged 71 years.

30th. Memorial sermon preached at Congregational church.

31st. Memorial Day.

JUNE.

1st. Cool weather for the season; mean temperature for the month 63°. Death of Jas. N. Connor, 72 years.

3d. Mrs. Marvin Cheney died, 82 years.

11th. Strawberry festival at the Congregational church.

16th. Death of Wm. Edwards, aged 67.

17th. Death of Capt. Daniel F. Newell, aged 85 years, 6 months. Temperance meeting at M. E. Church.

18th. Death of Jos. Hodges, aged 50.

22d. Public meeting at St. Peter's institute in aid of Parnell fund.

25th. Frequent and timely showers. Strawberries plenty and cheap.

JULY.

1st. Prospects of a large grass crop.

5th. The glorious "Fourth"; an old fashioned celebration in town. Silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sinclair.

13th. Death of Samuel Newell, 68 years.

15th. Heavy rain fall. Frank Robbin's circus in town.

17th. Rev. John M. Kremmen died. Matthew Coldrick died.

20th. Irving Clarke drowned in Central mill pond.

28th. Death of Winthrop Harding, aged 50.

AUGUST.

13th. John T. Clarke appointed superintendent of schools.

20th. Open air meeting of the K. of L. at the junction of Main and West streets.

27th. 96° in the shade.

SEPTEMBER.

1st. Intense interest in the Bates-Rice congressional contest.

17th. Cattle show at Woodstock; Southbridge Brass band in attendance. Cattle show at Sturbridge visited by many Southbridge people.

20th. Hard frost, first of the season.

21st. Commencment of a series of religious meetings conducted by D. L. Moody.

23d. Republican caucus at town hall, large attendance; Rice delegates chosen.

25th. Cricket match between the Southbridge and Worcester clubs.

27th. Continuation of the revival meetings by Messrs. Bliss and Towner; great interest.

30th. Democratic caucus at town hall.

OCTOBER.

1st. Large crop of apples and peara.

8th. Death of Mrs. Wm. Freeman at Boston.

16th. Ball game between Boston league club and Southbridge club. 2000 people in attendance.

18th. Democratic rally at Edwards Opera house. John E. Russel speaks.

21st. Republican representative convention at town hall nominate R. H. Cole for representative for seventh Worcester district.

22d. Democratic representative convention at the C. A. Dresser House, nominate Charles Haggerty for representative seventh Worcester district. Prolonged warm and fair weather.

28th. Convention of A. O. F. many delegatss in attendance.

NOVEMBER.

1st. Death of D. K. Olney at Putnam.

2d. Annual State election.

5th. Prof. Bristol with his trained horses in town.

Special series of religious meetings at M. E. church.

Print works shut down for an indefinite time.

5th. Death of Dea. S. M. Lane aged 79 years 10 months.

13th. Death of Alvin Powers aged 87 years.

18th. Death of Miss Sopia Wheat 87 years.

25th. Thanksgiving day.

29th. Death of Libya M. Litchfield aged 67 years.

DECEMBER.

10th. Completion of the residences of Messrs. Hyde and Wheeler.

Election of G. A. R. officers.

17th. JOURNAL issues an eight page number.

25d. Death of Edmund P. Tiffany aged 78 years.

Personal.

Miss Mary Ellis spent the holidays in Brooklyn, N. Y.

James Blaine jr., has returned home from Magog, Canada.

Jas. A. Ryan and Jean Suprenant have returned fron an extended vacation trip.

Frank P. Kelley commenced a term of study at a Boston business college last Monday.

Miss Jessie Curtis has been quite sick during the present week but is now convalescent.

Wm. S. Robinson of St. Albans, Vt., formerly of this town, visited friends in this place this week. Jan 7.'87.

Master Willie Henry entertained thirty-eight of his playmates last Tuesday, it being his sixth birthday.

Miss Lucretia Marcy has been the guest of her cousin, Miss Edith Bartholomew, during the holidays.

Chas. M. Cook, recently employed as finisher at the big mill, has accepted a like position in a mill at Watertown.

Master Willie Olney celebrated his twelfth birthday last Monday by entertaining a party of forty-two of his young friends.

Dr. Curtis of Westboro well known to many of the older people of this vicinity, is very ill and with no probability of recovery.

James M. Barrett is visiting his uncle Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Barrett and his cousin Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Barrett at Hartford City, Conn.

James Paton the recent foreman of the color room at the Hamilton Woolen Co's. print works has assumed a like position in a print works at Malden.

Miss Grace Hayward of this town continues her services as instructor in mathematics and history at the Hitchcock Free High school at Brimfield.

Joseph Udell one of the printers recently employed in the Hamilton Woolen Co's. print works has gone to Passaic, N. J. to work in a print works in that town.

L. W. Litchfield formerly bookkeeper for the Hamilton Woolen Company, has engaged in business with a partner in the manufacture of ladies' cloaks in New York City.

Jas. B. Ware, now serving as juror at the superior court, has been granted an original pension of $8 per month, dating from Feb. 19, 1885. He served in Co. L, 1st West Virginia cavalry.

Geo. A. Haggerty, mechanical supt. of the New Brunswick Railroad was on Christmas morning presented with a handsome cane in ebony and gold and a fine set of furs; the gift of the locomotive engineers of the Northern Division.

Miss Maggie Bosworth, who until recently lived in this town, was married in Brooklyn, N. Y. Jan. 1st to Wm. S. Hughes of Lynn, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have been stopping at the Globe Village House during the week where they received the congratulations of their numerous friends.

Among the guests, at the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Perry of Dudley, last Friday evening, were the following from this town: Mrs. John Edwards, Miss Lizzie Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Dresser, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Paige, and Dr. Wm. D. Lamb. Jan. 7. 1887.

The Home Circle.

At the last meeting of the Globe Council No. 73 of the Home Circle the following officers were elected for 1887.

Leader—C. H. Bigelow,
Vice Leader—Mrs. Carrie Alden,
Instructor—Mrs. Joseph S, Bartlett,
Secretary—Miss Nellie M. Hall
Treasurer—Wm. E. Alden jr.
Financier—Ira J. McKinstry,
Guide—Mrs. Bradford C. Stone,
Warden—Miss May Oldham,
Sentinel—Mrs, Margret Oldham,
Past Leader—Julius S. Gleason
Trustees—Dr. L. W. Curtis, Benjamin W. Paton and Julius S. Gleason,
Editress of *Home Journal*—Mrs. J. S. Bartlett,
Editress of *Quinebaug Echo*—Miss Nellie M. Hall,

These officers will be installed at the next meeting by the D. D. G. L. William Davis of Cambridgeport, Mass., after which Miss Hall will read a copy of the *Quinebaug Echo*. These papers are very interesting. The Home Circle meet in their rooms the 2d and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month and the first meeting of each month the *Quinebaug Echo* is read while Mrs. Bartlett reads the *Home Journal* at the last meeting of the month. All lovers of fun ought to join this society and you will be sure to get your money's worth at each meeting. Anyone wishing to find out about this society can do so by addressing the leader Charles H. Bigelow Globe Post Office or Miss Nellie M. Hall, 7 Sayles street.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Young men's meeting at the rooms next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting will last just one hour and the topic for consideration will be, "Inactivity in Sin," Judges v:23; Luke xi: 23; James iv:17. Good singing and short talks. All men are welcome.

Meeting for boys only at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The next entertainment in the Star Course comes the 18th, it being a lecture by Wallace Bruce of New York. His lecture "Ready Wit" is receiving universal praise.

Miss Lizzie A. Potter of Worcester has been appointed teacher of the Main street grammar school in place of Miss Stetson resigned. Miss Potter is a graduate of the State Normal school at Worcester and is highly recommended as a teacher of successful experience. During her temporary leave of absence Miss Remington's school will be in charge of Mrs. L. E. D. Cheney.

Since the last issue of the JOURNAL the interest in the building fund of the Y. M. C. A. has increased very much and several generous subscriptions have been secured. As one reads the list of donors thus far, the gratification for the amounts given is overshadowed by admiration for the givers. The subscription list is a grand sermon in itself and gives unmistakable proof of the interest many of our people have in the welfare of the young men.

Rene was produced at Edwards Opera house last Friday evening before a good house, considering the inclemency of the weather, by the Redmund-Barry company. The audience fully appreciated the excellent acting, magnificent costumes and fine scenery. The acting of Mr. Redmund and Mrs. Barry needs no encomium from us. To see them once is to desire to see them again. The support was excellent in all respects and the company may well be considered one of the best.

The Massachusetts Historical Genealogical Register for April or July is expecting to have a portrait and biographical sketch of the late Manning Leonard of this town. The portrait will be what is called an "Autotype" picture and is from a photograph of Mr. Leonard by Mr. Lovell which many have seen in the studio of the latter, and admired as one of his best works. Mr. Leonard was a life member of the Massachusetts Historic Genealogical society and took an active interest in its transactions. Jan 7 1887

The public library has just received from the family of Dr. S. C. Hartwell a fine portrait of Dr. Samuel Hartwell. It is one of Willard's best and will be a great addition to the portrait gallery of the town. They have also received from the *Atlantic* an engraving of Hawthorne, similar to those already hung in the library. We now need portraits of Dea. S. M. Lane and Manning Leonard to complete the list of those who took great interest in the foundation of the library. Who will give the same?

C. W. Weld of this town has filed in the patent office a caveat for a detachable sleigh shoe. It is made of wood and clamped to the side of the sleigh runner and comes down below the iron shoe, making a wide wooden surface to run on the snow. It runs easy and avoids the grating and scraping so disagreeable when an iron shoe comes directly upon the bare ground. This detachable shoe is designed to be used when sleighing is poor and it can be

easily put on, removed or lowered as it wears away.

Personal.

Jan. 21. 1887.

Chas. Stevens and son Willie have gone to New Hampshire to live.

F. L. Chapin returned last Saturday from quite an extended business trip.

Miss Nellie Childs of Woodstock has recently been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Keith.

Edwin Dillaber is confined to his house by a severe attack of sciatic rheumatism.

Among the recently granted pensions to soldiers is: Edward G. Jewitt of Southbridge.

Edwin G. Austin of Worcester will be the prompter at the grand firemen's ball Feb. 4th.

Alex. Senecal is quite sick with a severe cold and is under the care of Dr. L. O. Morasse.

Joseph Bugbee and wife of Woodstock have recently moved to reside with their son in this town.

Leon Rheims, formerly of this town, now of East Brookfield, contemplates going into partnership into an old established business. We wish Mr. Rheims success in his new enterprise.

John W. McKinstry, whose employment by R. H. White & Company of Boston we noticed last week, is at the ladies' dress goods counter in their store, where he will be pleased to see friends from Southbridge.

A very pleasant surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alden, jr., last Thursday evening at their residence on Hamilton street. The evening's entertainment consisted of social games and singing, and all report having an unusually good time.

One of those social episodes which so delight the young people occured last Tuesday evening when forty of the friends and schoolmates of master Cheney Wells gave him a surprise party at his home. Their coming was a genuine surprise to the little fellow but he at once took in the situation and did the duties of host in a befitting manner. Jollity and mirth reigned throughout the evening and the youngsters all say they had just a splendid time.

At St. Mary's church last Sabbath Rev. Fr. Donahue reported that the debt had been reduced $1000 during the year and that the land between the present property and Pine street had been purchased. The present debt is now about $9000 and a church debt society was organized to cooperate in reducing this amount. A system of popular subscriptions is proposed. 1887.

The Best Cow Yet.

Jan. 1887.

We recently printed in the JOURNAL, paragraphs in relation to cows owned by Dr. Curtis and H. B. Dresser. We this week give the record of a cow owned by Luther D. Clemence. This cow is one-half Shorthorn and one-half Jersey. May 15, 1886, Mr. Clemence commenced keeping a daily record of the milk she gave in quarts and pints and the weight of the milk in pounds and ounces. This record can be seen at Mr. Clemence office, and the figures here given are taken from this, so that there is no guess work about it. From May 15 to June 15 inclusive, she gave 21 quarts of milk per day and was milked three times a day, at morning, noon and night. From June 15 to July 1 her average yield was 20 quarts a day. Her average daily yield for the following time was for July, 17 quarts per day; August, 14 quarts; September, 13 quarts; October, 12 1 2 quarts; November, 11 quarts; December, 12 quarts; January to date, 11 quarts. The keeping of this record in black and white renders value to the above account. We believe Mr. Clemence can justly claim the right to lead the procession as it is thus far formed.

Costume Party.

Jan. 21. 1887.

The costume party under the auspices of the U. S. C. at the residence of C. S. Edmonds last Monday evening was a grand success, a goodly number being present considering the inclemency of the weather. Most all present were in costume although a few were not, being unable to procure any. Those which attracted the most attention were those of Miss Emma Dresser who took the part of Topsy in Uncle Tom's Cabin, Mrs. J. T. McKinstry in an excellent make up of an old fashioned lady, who by her quaint old fashioned remarks convulsed those present with laughter, Miss Willerette Barnes and Miss Addie Martin as the two orphans, E. L. Reynolds as a Chinaman in full costume, G. C. Winter as a hand organ man playing to a street audience, E. A. Winter as a tramp. The following is a list of those present in costume, Miss Nina Bartholomew, as Sister Florentine; Miss Emma Dresser, as Topsy accompanied by her children, Sophia and Lucy; Miss Mary Pellet, as a Spanish lady; Miss Josie Edmonds, as little Bo Peep; Miss Bertha King, an old fashioned lady dressed in the style of fifty years ago; Miss Florence King, as Aunt Ophelia; Miss Carrie Cheney, impersonation of "Night;" Miss Annie Morse sheperdess; Miss Edith Bartholomew, Priscilla, a Puritan maiden; Miss Blanche Winter, Red Riding Hood; Miss Minnie Searles, in Gypsy costume; Miss Mary Ellis, in white satin costume; Miss Willerett Barnes and Miss Addie Martin, The two orphans; Miss Marion Magwire and Miss Jennie Gardner, Mother Hubbard; Miss Cora Marble, as the Daughter of the Regiment; Mrs. J. T. McKinstry, as an old fashioned lady; Mrs. G. D. Bates, Gypsy costume; Mr. E. D. Reynolds, Chinaman costume; Mr. Clarence Winter, as organ grinder; Mr. Earnest Winter, a tramp; Mr. J. S. Dresser and Mr. C. Trusdale, full evening dress; Mr. W. J. Litchfield, a Spanish cavalier; Mr. Jude McKinstry, an old fashioned gentleman. At 8:30 the meeting was called to order by the President of the society G. C. Winter with a few pleasant remarks. Records of last meeting were read by the secretary, voting in of new members, new business to be transacted, after which followed the program of the evening:

1, Reading — By Grandma Tucker
Miss Florence King.
2, Tableau — Courtship in ye olden times
Miss Bertha King, Stewart Edmonds
3, Song — By a tramp
G. C. Winter
4, Tableau — Courtship at the presnet time
Miss Mary Ellis, Mr. Truesdale
5, Duette — By two members of Abbe's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co.
Miss Emma Dresser as Topsy and Miss Florence King as Aunt Ophilia
6, Exhibition on zylophone — By Prof. Rhubarb
Mr. G. C. Winter assisted by Stewart Edmonds
7, Six feet of mocking bird — By Prof. Rhubarb and assistant
8, Asking of questions by Mr. Litchfield

After which the remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant conversation, games, etc. The committee, Miss Allie Barnes, Miss Mary Pellet and J. S. Dresser are to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts to make the meeting a success. The committee for the next meeting are, Mrs. S. D. Bates, Miss Minnie Searles and J. T. McKinstry.

At the exhibition last week of the Quinebaug Valley Poultry association in Danielsonville, I. J. McKinstry of this town secured first prize for best Langshan pullet and the special prize for the highest scoring pair of Langshan fowls. Jan. 21. 1887.

The French Canadians of this town are holding meetings in order to get recruits for naturalization at the coming session of the court in Worcester. A large number have already given their names both for their first and last papers of citizenship.

The Storm.

The storm which ended Monday night gave an aggregate snow fall 12 1-2 days, of 26 625 inches of snow or of over 3.25 inches of rain or melted snow. Monday's storm was also the 20th anniversary of the big snow storm of Thursday, January 17, 1866, which blockaded the railroads through New England. There never was more trouble with roofs, gutters and conductors than at the present time. Gutters and conductors are filled internally and loaded externally with ice. Whenever there is any melting of the ice and snow, the water flows back through the joints and finds its way inside of the buildings. The only remedy is the careful removal of the ice. The trouble is on all classes of buildings, and from the eaves hang heavy masses of ice presenting a threatening aspect.

Ready Wit.

Wallace Bruce well known in literary circles as a critic and reader of Burn's, Scott's and Byron's poetry and himself a poet of considerable repute lectured Tuesday evening in the Star Course of the Y. M. C. A. to an unexpectedly large audience considering the bitterly cold weather. Previous to the appearance of the lecturer the Southbridge Concert orchestra played several pieces of music which were highly appreciated by the audience, particularly the clarinet solo of Fred L. Geer.

Mr. Bruce on being introduced to the audience said in order to get the taste out of his mouth incident to a late train he would as a prelude to his lecture recite his poem, "Inasmuch," This poem which is founded on a California scene is much admired by the reading public and is passing from one paper to another throughout the country. The lecture itself was well received by the audience. It abounded with sparkling wit and repartee and the sayings of witty people, some of the stories and reminiscences which he repeated were quite aged, but for all that they answered his purpose well.

Among the Churches.

The W. T. D. Society of the Baptist church will meet with Miss Edith Bartholomew Saturday afternoon.

Service of song and preaching at the Baptist church every Sunday evening. Subject next Sunday, "Value of Now."

The Congregationalists hold their church circle in their church parlors this (Friday) evening. Supper at 6:30 o'clock.

At the Union church last Sabbath morning, the pastor preached from John xii:3. The usual young people's prayer and the church praise meetings were held in the evening.

Educational.

A BAD SHOWING.

The subject of school legislation being one in which the general public has a constant interest, and to which parents, school authorities, teachers and other guardians of youth have given special attention during the past few years, a *Boston Herald* representative recently interviewed E. C. Carrigan of the state board of education to learn, if possible, what educational problems would engage the attention of the lawmakers in the present general court. Mr. Carrigan, has been one of the most prominent promoters of recent school legislation in the commonwealth, having identified himself with measures relating to evening schools, the supply of free text books to all the children in the state, and was especially successful in the past legislature in securing the passage of the law permanently establishing evening high schools and giving school committees in the commonwealth the power to employ teachers during efficient and faithful service.

This in the *Sunday Herald* of the 16th. Among other things, in speaking of his illustrated minor bill, he said:

The importance of this measure cannot be overestimated, especially when we consider the facts. By the census of 1880, it is seen that 93,065 persons in the commonwealth of 10 years of age and over were unable, in that year, to write their names. I consider that it is the duty of the state to stamp out illiteracy by driving the illiterate children into the schools or out of the country. This practice of importing Canadian and other illiterate minors to fill up our cities and manufacuring centres should have an end. When such cities and towns as Lowell and Adams have one in ten, Blackstone and Douglass one in nine, Webster and Provincetown one in eight, Holyoke and Spencer one in seven, Chicopee one in six, and, worst of all, Southbridge one in five of the inhabitants unable to write their names, it is abont time to ask, not only for a specific remedy, but a radical cure, especially in these times, when dynamite is at a premium among revolutionists and others of the turbulent classes.

It so happens that Representative Haggerty is on the educational committee and in view of this a proposed state mill tax and other desired legislation bids fair to be one of the most important committees at the state house this winter. We trust he will be alert to the interest of the town, and do what he can to remove such a blot from our escutcheon.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Meeting of the devotional committee Sunday at 2-45 p. m. A full attendance is desired.

Business meeting next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. This is the time to send in your name if you desire to join the association.

This is the topic for the men's meeting next Monday evening: "Why we should love the Word of God" Psa. xix. A cordial welcome for all men to attend this service.

There will be a meeting specially for boys at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon to which all boys are invited.

The fourth entertainment in the star course will occur on Tuesday evening, February 1st by Dr. R. R. Meredith of Boston on "Garfield, a typical American career."

A sub-committee to act in conjunction with the ladies' auxilary committee has been appointed as follows: Misses Carrie Cheney, Edith Bartholomew, Minnie Cady, Mrs. Chas. McKinstry, Mrs. Joseph Sanders, Misses Addie Martin, May Oldham, Sadie Bugbee, Alice Booth, Carrie Marble, Helen Luther and Josie Carpenter.

All members of the association with their lady or gentlemen friends, are invited to the first social reception of the season, next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The Baptist church quartet will furnish a varied program of music, and Miss Mary Ellis and Miss Snell will give readings.

Twelve of the members of the mud-turtle club ate a turkey supper at Mr. Sabin's place, Walker pond, Tuesday evening. By tenderly wrapping its pet turtle in robes and blankets and giving it plenty of hot coffee after its arrival at Mr. Sabin's it was sufficiently warmed to gyrate in the easy and graceful manner natural to this animal. The club's harmonica soloist attended and at times caused every member to have a hartwell filled with the deepest solemnity.

The annual meeting of the Y. P. M. of the Methodist Episcopal church was held at J. M. Olney's, Tuesday evening. The officers for the coming year are:

President—Mrs. F. C. Litchfield.
1st Vice President—G. C. Wilson.
2d Vice President—M. E. Pomfret.
Treasurer—F. C. Litchfield.
Secretary—M. E. Clemence.
Directors—Carrie E. Smith, Addie M. Martin, Mary L. Olds, Mrs. W. B. Wooster, Mrs. Wm. H. Sanders, Mrs. Joseph Sanders.
Entertainment Committee—Jennie Abbott, Emma Williams, Mrs. Wilson.

After an entertaining program of readings and songs in which friends from Sandersdale participated, Rev. W. J. Pomfret presented a scheme for procuring a pipe organ. A soliciting committee was appointed to raise funds immediately.

The purchase of the Columbian property by the Young Men's Christian Association for $15,000 was completed yesterday.

July 8, 1887.

BASE BALL.

Monday's Game—Millbury Defeated by the Southbridge Team—Notes.

The Millbury-Southbridge game in Millbury last Saturday, resulted in a glorious victory for the home club. The boys left Southbridge on the 1 p. m. train, accompanied by quite a number of their friends. Here in town the utmost confidence was felt in the ability of the local nine to secure the game. The parties who went with the club to Millbury seemed also to share in this confidence as they were willing takers of all bets offered against the Southbridge boys. The result, of course, was that considerable Millbury boodle was brought to Southbridge. This amount is placed all the way from $300 to $500. One man alone reckons his gains as $65; while the V's and X's won by the Southbridge people were legion. The telegram announcing the result of the game was not received in Southbridge until after 8 o'clock p. m., although it was written in the Millbury telegraph office before 6 o'clock by J. A. White. This telegram was posted immediately after its receipt in one of the show windows of J. A. White's store and crowds were made merry by its reading. On their return the local nine were met at the Central street bridge by a crowd of citizens, and amid the wildest cheers, blowing of horns and the explosion of fireworks, they were escorted into town. On their arrival at the head of Central street they received another ovation from the spectators waiting to welcome them home. George H. Hartwell manifested his appreciation of the club by giving them a generous dose of soda. After receiving the congratulations of friends on the street they repaired to their several homes, and all was again quiet. The game in Millbury was won by the superior batting of the Southbridge boys. Healy pitched a fine game. Kane made a three base hit and Edmunds was on deck every time. Altogether it was a great day for the base ball club in Southbridge and its stock went way up above par.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

	AB.	R.	IB.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Brennan, ss.	5	2	2	2	2	4	1
Maguire 3b.	5	1	2	1	3	0	1
M. Murphy cf.	5	0	1	0	2	1	1
Hall, rf.	5	3	3	3	0	0	0
Dillaber, 2b.	5	3	3	3	3	4	2
Kane, c.	5	2	3	3	4	4	1
T. Murphy, lf.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edmunds, 1b.	5	2	2	2	12	1	0
Healy, p.	4	1	3	0	1	8	0
Totals,	44	14	18	14	27	22	6.

MILLBURY.

D. Bebo, ss.	5	2	1	1	0	4	1
Clifford, 1b.	5	1	2	2	12	0	0
Monahan, cf.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
A. Bebo, 2b.	4	0	0	0	2	0	0
Brown, lf. rf.	3	1	2	1	1	0	0
Flagg, 3b.	4	1	2	0	2	0	0
Pierce, c.	4	0	2	1	6	3	1
Rogers, rf. p.	4	0	1	1	1	2	0
Lamory, p. rf.	4	1	0	8	0	6	1
Totals,	37	7	10	6	24	15	3

Innings,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Southbridge,	0	2	3	0	0	2	5	2		—14
Millbury,	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	—7

Earned runs, Southbridge 6; Millbury 3. Two base hits, Brennan 2, Maguire, Hall, Edmunds, Clifford. Three base hit, Kane. First base on balls, Maguire, M. Murphy, Dillaber, Kane, Brown. Muffed flies, M Murphy, A. Bebo. First base on errors, Southbridge 2, Millbury 5. Hit by pitched ball, T. Murphy, Brown. Struck out, Maguire, Dillaber, T. Murphy 3, A. Bebo 2, Brown, Flagg. Wild pitches, Healy 2, Lamory 2, Rogers 1. Passed balls, Kane 2, Pierce 2. Time, 2 hours, 5 minutes. Umpire. Shields of Southbridge.

An immense audience assembled on the grounds on the Fourth to witness the Ware-Southbridge game. Four of the Ware team failed to come to town, so Bradley, Haggerty, Brown and Connell were substituted. The game proved very interesting. The following is the score:

SOUTHBRIDGE.

	AB.	R.	IB.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Brennan, ss.	4	2	1	0	4	2	0
Maguire, 3b.	4	2	1	0	1	0	2
M. Murphy, 2b.	4	1	2	1	1	4	3
Hall, rf.	4	0	0	0	2	0	0
Dillaber, c.	4	0	0	0	7	2	3
Kane, cf.	4	1	2	0	0	0	0
T. Murphy, lf.	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
Edmunds, 1b.	4	0	1	0	10	0	1
Healy, p.	4	1	2	2	2	8	0
Totals,	36	7	9	3	27	17	9

WARE.

C. Brown, 2b.	5	1	2	2	4	2	0
Moriarty, c.	5	0	1	0	2	2	1
Dunn, p.	4	0	0	0	3	6	0
Barnard, ss.	4	0	0	0	0	1	1
Bradley, 3b.	4	2	1	3	5	0	0
Clifford, cf.	4	0	1	1	1	1	1
Connell, 1b.	4	0	1	0	7	0	2
J. Brown, lf.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haggerty, rf.	4	0	1	1	2	0	0
Totals,	38	3	7	7	24	12	5

Innings,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Southbridge,	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0		—7
Ware,	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	—3

The Millbury team will be here tomorrow.

When it is anticipated that so large a number of spectators will be in attendance at a game as there was on the Fourth, we would suggest to the management the propriety of hiring the Southbridge brass band to furnish a little music.

The advertised game between a Fiskdale nine and the Canadian club of Southbridge last Saturday, failed to materialize on account of the non-appearance of the Fiskdale team.

Y. W. C. T. U.

The Union will give a lawn party this evening in front of the Town hall. Reshments will be served at 7 o'clock, weather permitting.

The usual prayer meeting will be omitted till September.

THE FOURTH. 1887.

A Noisy Night Before—Parade of Antiques and Horribles—St. Mary's Church Picnic—Other Observances.

The spirit of 76, embodied in a small boy and a bunch of fire crackers, was awake early in Southbridge Monday morning. It has been said that Fourth of July begins at sunset of the third and lasts until sunrise of the fifth, except on the seventh year, when it begins at sunset Saturday night and continues until Tuesday morning. That was about the programme this year. Saturday evening was anything but quiet and considerable pent up enthusiasm found vent the following day. Midnight of Sunday found the usual pandemonium of fish horns, guns, firecrackers and torpedoes in full blast.

The striking of the midnight hour was the signal for the appearance of young America. With one accord and in an instant he appeared in every nook and corner, wherever in fact a good opportunity offered for a display of patriotism there he was found. From midnight until sunrise he paraded the streets in improvised bands and companies. Although the noise was deafening, there was no maliciousness or rowdyism on the part of the crowds of boys that paraded the street from midnight till dawn.

The day broke clear and bright with every indication of a repeittion of the intense heat of the few days previous, but early in the forenoon there sprung up one of those brisk south winds, common in summer, and which are so welcome to man and beast. This breeze maintained its volume throughout the day, and so tempered the heat as to render it not in the least oppressive. The prepartions made to celebrate the Fourth in town had created a disposition on the part of the people to stay at home and spend their money here, consequently only about 60 excursion tickets were sold at the depot on the morning of the Fourth, and only a score or two of Southbridge people attended the celebration at Woodstock.

At 7 o'clock the procession of

ANTIQUES AND HORRIBLES.

formed and marched through the principal streets. It was, on the whole, the best affair of its kind ever seen in Southbridge and throughout its long line of march it was witnessed by crowds of people. The "take offs" and burlesques were in the main of a local significance. H. W. Bacon acted as chief marshal. A diminutive little nag, drawing a tilbree, bore a placard on which was written "Maud S. 2.09," headed the procession proper. The next in line were a representation of the late tree cutting "unpleasantness," a political take off in which Gen. Butler was a prominent feature; the Southbridge Horse Railroad; the new barber shop first opened in the new "Town Hall building;" the recent burglary in J. D. Blanchard & Co's. store; scene representing a party raffling for chickens. An advertising van of Paige & Company's although not competing for a prize brought up the rear of the procession. The prizes were awarded as follows: First, $15, to the horse car; second, $10, to the raffling for chickens scene; third, $8, to the Blanchard burglary; fourth, $6, to the barber shop; fifth, $4, to tree cutting. The action of the committee in awarding a prize to the chicken raffling scene has been seriously criticised as it contained neither pith nor point, sense or nonsense. The other prizes were rightly given, especially the first to the horse car representation. This was shrewdly gotten up and as it passed along the street caused unbounded amusement. The procession, after making the tour of the streets, marched to the picnic grounds in Faulkner's grove where it disbanded.

The picnic given under the auspices of St. Mary's parish in Faulkner's grove was attended by hundreds of people. Busses and other vehicles plied between the villages and the grounds during the day, and their owners must have reaped a harvest of dimes, as they were loaded with passengers every trip. The picnic grounds were fitted up with booths, tables and tents where were vended eatables of all sorts. The clam dinner was a success and twenty bushels of clams were baked and boiled; forty gallons of ice cream were made and sold, and cake and confectionery of all kinds was disposed of in like large amounts. In the afternoon dancing to the music of the Fiskdale orchestra was indulged in by many of those present. The picnic was a great success and reflects credit on its managers, who deserve the thanks of the general community for affording the means for so much amusement and comfort as was to be found on the grounds.

There was a general display of fireworks in the evening. Notable among these was that on Chapin street, where the residents combined and had one display for the whole street. The grounds of E. G. Guy were illuminated with Chinese lanterns. Mr. Guy also made a fine individval show of fireworks. Among other individual displays were those of A. J. Bartholomew, C. A. Dresser, C. D. Paige, W. R. Paton, C. H. Bigelow and many others. During the day there were no accidents of a serious nature and no arrests were made for drunkenness.

Electric Lights Located.

The location of the new electric lights has been decided upon by the selectmen as follows: In the Centre Village—Mechanic street near the American Optical Company's works; railroad bridge; carriage entrance to Oak Ridge cemetery on Main street; near the estate of the late William Edwards on Main street; corner Main and Everett streets; corner Main and Central streets; corner Main and Hamilton streets; Main street near the Methodist church; junction Main and South streets; corner Hamilton and Hook streets; corner Hamilton and Edwards streets; corner Hamilton and Crane streets; junction of Marcy and Edwards streets; Central street near the estate of Thomas Potter; corner Central and Hook streets; corner Elm and Dresser streets; corner Elm and Summer streets; junction Elm street and Woodstock road; junction Dresser and Chapin streets; corner Everett and Park streets.

In Globe Village: Corner Main and Cross streets; corner Main and Union streets; junction Main and High streets, in square; corner Main and Pleasant streets; Pleasant street between Canal street and Dr. L. W. Curtis' residence; corner Pleasant and Walcott streets; corner River and Mill streets; Mill street near Hamilton company's boarding-house; corner Mill and Canal streets; Hamilton street near blacksmith shop; corner Hamilton and Oliver streets; corner Hamilton and Pine streets; Crane street opposite the N. Y. & N. E. passenger station; West street near the pond; High street near residence of Jacob Booth; High street near Boulton estate; Sayles street near residence of Mrs. H. Oldham; corner of South street and Oakes avenue; corner of South and Sayles street; corner of South and Winter streets. Twenty lights have been placed in each village. The above list is subject to revision prior to the erection of poles.

July 8. 1887.

Band Concert.

Following is the programme for the band concert to be given this evening on the Town Hall lawn by the Southbridge brass band:

1. March, "Duquesne Greys" - Rosa
2. Andante and Concert Polka - - Casey
3. Waltzes "Wein, Weib and Gesang" Heinicks
4. Trombone solo "Let all obey" - - Audress
   Mr. Cook.
5. Gavotte "Princess" - - - Czibulka
6. Selections from Comic operas - Beyer
7. Schottische, "I had $15 in my pocket" Rosa
8. Baritone solo "Olympia" Roche
   Mr. Dresser.
9. Galop "Demon" - - - Rollinson

Illustrated Lecture.

In the Baptist church Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, Dr. Crabtre of Boston will deliver a lecture, illustrated by the stereopticon. Subject: "Egypt and Palestine." The lecturer comes very highly recommended. The Watchman says:

"Egypt and Palestine." Dr. Crabtre's illustrated lectures are becoming very popular. Two were given at East Boston last week, of which the *Argus* says: "The pictures comprise the finest and most complete collection of the kind ever presented. The most interesting and fascinating story in the world is told in these lectures."

Members of the Baptist Sunday school will be admitted free. Regular admission 25 cents.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks to those who so kindly remembered us, and to all who have shown so much kindness and sympatny during our affliction.

MR. AND MRS. E. A. RICE.

Dec. "Picturesque Ireland." 1887.

This was the subject of H. H. Ragan's lecture in Edwards opera house last Tuesday evening, it being the third entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. Star Course. The audience present was one of the largest of the season and the lecture proved one of the finest, most entertaining and instructive ever given in Southbridge. The first sentences which the speaker uttered struck the popular chord and won for him the hearty indorsement of his hearers. The views thrown upon the canvas by the stereopticon, made as they were from photographs taken in the summer season, when the ruins of the "green isle" are clothed in a dense growth of moss and ivy, were of great beanty. The first view shown was the harbor of Queenstown and its fortifications. Views of the adjacent city of Cork were next shown. The famous St. Patrick's bridge was among these, as was likewise the historic Shandon church "whose bells sound so grand on the river Lee." Blarney castle and the method of kissing the fabled blarney stone was depicted simultaneously by the speaker and the stereopticon. The lakes of Killarney were shown and the description of them and the recital of legends connected with their history by the speaker were extremely interesting. One of the neatest views of the list was the one of the ancient and ivy clad run once known as Montrose Abbey. The views and descriptions of inland scenery were beautiful and graphic. The views in and about the city of Dublin showed phazes of Irish life in strange contrast to that of the south of Ireland. Sackville street, with its statues of O'Connell, Father Matthew and Editor Green, its Nelson Column and its marts of trade, the four courts of Ireland and the Bank of Ireland building, once the seat of the Irish parliament, was shown to striking advantage. Phœnix park, the pride and boast of every Irishman, was shown in all its loveliness and grandeur. The avenue of the park, in which Lord Frederick Cavendish and Secretary Burke were murdered a few years ago, was shown. Other views comprised the cities of Galway, Belfast and the village of Avoca and its mountains, which tradition says the Irish giant Phim McCool rent asunder by one stroke of his sword. Several excellent views were given of the Giant's Causeway.

The next entertainment will be a grand artist concert Tuesday evening, Jan. 17.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Contributed.

"Absolute purity required" is the topic for the men's meeting next Monday evening from 8 to 9 o'clock. Read Rev. xxi:27, Matt. v:8, I John 1:7 last clause. All men are cordially invited.

It is expected, though not positively decided, that Mr. Sankey will be here at the State convention to conduct the music.

Aug. 15. Band Concert. 1887.

Following is the program of the band concert at the corner of Main and High streets tonight:

1. March, "Audubon" - - Rowsdell
2. Gavath, "Prettiest" - - - Warren
3. Waltzes, "See Saw" - - - Crowe
4. Polka duet, "Two Friends" - Bayley
   Messers Green and Faron.
5. Selection, "Gems of Scotland" - Cavalline
6. Polka, "Pizzicato" - - - Strauss
7. March, "On the field" - - - Casey
8. Trombone solo, "Down deep in the cellar" Fischer
   Mr. Cook.
9. Schottische, "Dear one far away" - Casey
10. Galop, "Flying Yankee" - - Rollinson

REPUBLICAN CLUB ORGANIZED.

Oct. 6. 1887

The Meeting in Dresser Small Hall Tuesday Evening.

Tuesday evening the Republicans of Southbridge assembled in Dresser small hall and formed an organization to be known as the Republican club of Southbridge. The proceedings of the meeting were marked with entire harmony and great enthusiasm throughout. The sentiment of the meeting was in favor of making the association a permanent one, having in view the advancement of Republican ideas and principles in Southbridge.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Lamson Allen, chairman of the committee appointed to report a constitution and by-laws for a club. He said that the committee were ready to report their doings to the meeting, and called for the nomination of a chairman. On motion of J. M. Cochran, Dr. Allen was made the presiding officer and G. A. Cheney secretary.

The chairman reported the doings of the special committee and read the constitution and by-laws recommended by them. The meeting voted to take up each article of the proposed constitution separately, and the constitution as amended was then adopted. Signers to the preamble and constitution were then called for. Every person in the hall came forward and signed, and the Republican club of Southbridge became a fact. It was voted to adjourn the meeting until tomorrow evening in Dresser small hall, at which time the officers of the club for the year ensuing will be elected, and other business pertinent to the meeting be transacted. Let every Republican of Southbridge be present.

Obituary.

Isaac Clark, whose serious illness was mentioned in last week's JOURNAL, died at his late residence on South street last Sunday at the advanced age of 81 years. Mr. Clark had resided in Southbridge for a period of thirty years, having come here from Whitinsville. When he first came to Southbridge he purchased the farm, now owned by Edwin Bacon, and resided on it for ten years when he sold it to the late George Hanson and Dr. L. W. Curtis. After selling his farm he built the house on South street where he resided until his death. He was a blacksmith by trade, and for several years carried on a general blacksmithing business in a shop of his own, near his residence. He retired from active work about six years ago on account of declining health. Mr. Clark was twice married. By his first marriage he had one son, Jackson S., who now lives in Florida. By his second wife, who survives him, he had three children, two sons and a daughter. Of the sons, Henry J. is a lawyer and lives in Webster, the other John T. resides in Southbridge. The daughter, Mrs. Sarah Eddy, died eleven years ago. The funeral of Mr. Clark was held from his late residence, Wednesday, at 1:30 p. m., Rev. J. Danielson officiating. Quinebaug Lodge F. & A. M., of which the deceased was a member, attended in a body, and buried him under Masonic rites.

Dec. The French Fair. 1887.

The French fair which closed Monday was a complete success. The gold headed cane was given to C. A. Dresser, he having received the largest number of votes. The sacred concert given in Edwards opera house by Les Montagnards was largely attended and gave entire satisfaction.

Nov. 10 1887.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

—The thermometer at 6 o'clock this morning indicated 22°.

—All taxes must be paid before Tuesday, the 15th inst., to avoid summons.

—Superintendent Clarke would like to confer with ladies and gentlemen willing to assist in conducting the evening school.

—Mrs. Albert Whittemore of Willimantic is visiting her brother and sister, C. H. Bigelow and Mrs. J. S. Bartlett.

—Rev. Ralph Lyon of Suspension Bridge, N. Y., will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning.

—The town meeting, the warrant of which is published in today's JOURNAL, will make the tenth this fiscal year.

—J. D. Blanchard & Co., have tastefully decorated their store today in honor of the conferring of the title of Camerier du Pape on Rev. Father Brochu.

—Rev. J. Edward Perreaud of Turners Falls, is the guest of his former classmate, Xiste Lescault, book-keeper for J. D. Blanchard & Co.

—The American Optical Company has secured the services of a stenographer in the person of Miss Belle Papworth of Batavia, N. Y.

—Laban D. Underwood of Woodstock, charged with the selling of rotten eggs to a local merchant last April, was arrested by Sheriff Jacobs, Tuesday.

—Gospel service at the Baptist church Sunday evening, subject of sermon, "Near the Kingdom." Singing by the double quartette. Seats free; all welcome.

—Representative Haggerty is the first citizen of Southbridge, in recent years at least, that has received two consecutive elections to the legislature.

—Now is the time to take advantage of our special offer to new subscribers. All new names received with $2 between now and Jan. 1, 1888, will be credited to Jan. 1, 1889.

—Remember the supper at the Union church tonight. The bill of fare contains all the essentials of a good supper, including cold meats, stewed and escaloped oysters.

—Another town meeting is called to see if the town will rescind its vote of last Tuesday, whereby it voted to adopt the report of the selectmen laying out a system of sewers at an estimated cost of $11,000.

—Mrs. Liberty A. Lyon died suddenly last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock of apoplexy. Her funeral was held from her late residence yesterday at 1 p. m., Rev. W. J. Pomfret officiating. Remarks were also made by Rev. Ralph Lyon of Suspension Bridge, N. Y., and Daniel Pratt of Southbridge.

The Evening School.

Posters have been issued by the school committee giving notice that evening schools will be opened on Monday, Nov. 28. The school at the Center Village will be in the upper room at the Carpenter school house near the railroad bridge; at the Globe Village in the upper room at the Plimpton street school house. The superintendent of schools will be in his office every day for one week from 4 to 5 and in the evening from 7 to 8 o'clock to receive applications of those who wish to attend the evening school.

Personal.

—W. H. Campbell is in town from Providence.

—Elmer D. Chamberlain is at Kittery Point, Me.

—Rev. W. J. Pomfret is at the Sterling camp meeting.

—Miss Carrie Booth is visiting relatives in Willimantic, Conn.

—Miss Daisy Ballard of Haverhill is visiting at G. L. Winter's.

—John A. Campbell of Providence is visiting this his former home.

—J. C. F. Wheelock returned last evening from a two week's visit in Mendon.

—Harry Myers, of Passaic, N. J., is the guest of his friend, Dr. T. L. Paton.

—Mr. and Mrs. William A. McIntosh are the guests of her brother, John Currin.

—Patrick Flynn is spending a few days at the shore resorts on Providence river.

—Henry Whittaker has entered the employ of the Southbridge Printing Company.

—Mrs. George W. Wells is slowly recovering from her sickness at Kennebunk, Me.

—Mrs. Olive Sherman of Putnam, Conn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Daniel L. Pratt.

—Rev. W. J. Pomfret exchanged with F. L. Johnson of Spencer last Sunday.

—Mrs. William B. Morse of Somerville, is visiting her mother, Mrs. George Boulton.

—H. L. Hunt of Willimantic, Conn., is the guest of his brother-in-law, C. H. Bigelow.

—Dr. L. W. Curtis has so far recovered from his recent injury as to be able to ride out.

—P. A. Thompson of Worcester is the guest of his brother-in law, P. H. Carpenter.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Marble are taking a week's outing at Newport and Block Island.

—J. F. B. Litchfield started yesterday for a visit to New York. He will be absent until Sept. 1.

—Mrs. L. H. Higgins and Mrs. A. B. Cady, both of Worcester, are visiting relatives in town.

—Fred Waite of Providence, R. I. has been the guest of his brother-in-law Henry C. Cady the past week.

—Misses Bessie and Florence Goff of Uxbridge are the guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adams.

—Miss Louie Ellis is enjoying a two weeks' acquaintance with the ocean breeze at Watch Hill, Westerly, R. I.

—Henry Hooker, a member of the New York city police force, was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. John Comin's, the present week.

—John P. Morrissey, a former townsman, but now of Worcester, is spending a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Morrissey.

—George H. Hartwell will attend the fourth annual reunion of the Hartwell family at Melville Garden, Downer Landing, September 1.

—Mrs. Melvina Booth, Arthur Streeter and Miss Mary Clemence are among the Southbridge people at the Sterling camp meeting this week.

—Mrs. E. H. Darrah of Worcester and Mrs. George Blanchard and son, Willie, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are visiting at Edwin Dexter's, Oakes Avenue.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey V. Newell and daughter Mabel are away on a week's vacation, which will include visits to Shrewsbury, Grafton and Sterling camp meeting.

—Mrs. M. Fernandez, Misses Welch, Meade, Lillie and Kate Duffy and L. P. Fernandez, the talented and popular young actor, all of Cambridge, are among the recent arrivals at the Streeter farm.

Cricket.

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The Southbridge cricket club went to Worcester last Saturday and played a game on the South Worcester grounds with the Clinton club. A single inning was played, the score standing 42 to 26 in favor of the Clintons. The game was characterized by good batting on the part of the Clintons. The bowling of Williamson was very effective against the Southbridge team. It is probable that a game between these clubs will come off in Southbridge at an early date.

Building Notes.

It is the contemplated intention of C. D. Paige to commence putting in the foundation of a new block to be erected on the site of the barn now occupied by Austin Shepard. Mr. Shepard will at an early date remove his barn to a site near the residence of Major Goddard.

Peter Allard has bought of the Hamilton Woolen Company a house lot on the corner of Pine and Hamilton streets, and has commenced clearing it preparatory to putting in the foundation for a two story house, the dimensions of which will be 36 x28 feet, with two Ls.

Industrial Notes.

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The Central Mills Company are remodeling their spinning frames to conform with recent improvements made in this machine.

The American Optical Company have erected near their works an open shed where they are building machinery for the Lensdale mill.

The Hamilton Woolen Company's cassimere department is now running on cheviots. The prevailing style is a subdued check, although a few patterns show a distinct line. Stock of a superior grade is used in manufacturing these goods and the demand for them is brisk. The nature of a cheviot makes it a most desirable style of cloth for general wear.

Y. W. C. T U. Work.

The annual report of the treasurer of the Y. W. C. T. U. Miss May L. Stebbens, read at the recent anniversary, shows that the total receipts for the year were $190.86; expenditures $169.60, leaving a balance of $21.26. The report of the corresponding secretary, Minnie French, showed that five lectures had been given during the year and about 4000 temperance leaflets distributed. Thanks were extended to the pastors and choirs of the several churches for their assistance. Miss Paine superintendent of press work called particular attention in her report to the members reading the Y. W. C. T. U. notices in the local papers, in order to keep posted. The superintendents of juvenile work and the devotional committee reported progress in their line of work. The report of Miss Edith Bartholomew recording secretary, reviewed the work of the organization for the past year. The report was an exceedingly well written and comprehensive paper.

Dec. 15. 1887.

Corporal Tanner's Lecture.

Only a fair sized audience gathered in Dresser opera house last Monday evening to listen to Corporal Tanner's lecture on "Soldier Life." The speaker was introduced by G. W. Corey, commander of the local post. Corporal Tanner is a scholarly looking man of clear cut features and decisive actions. He spoke without notes and his lecture had none of that "made to order" style too common in the flood of war literature now being poured out upon us. After the introductory portion of his lecture, he gave in detail the multitude of phazes of army life. The influence which molded and controlled the soldier's life and actions were enumerated and dwelt upon, The army chaplain was treated of at length and, in the main, was eulogized. The good done by army chaplains far outweighed the evil done by the black sheep among them Progressing, he gave a graphic picture of the volunteer of '61 by depicting the incidents of his own life in that eventful period. Many amusing stories were told of the crude soldier of the first days of the war, the days before they realized the magnitude of the work they were engaged in. Of the campaigns and battles described the first was the Peninsular campaign under McClellan and the battle of Williamsburg. In describing the battle, the speaker paid a glowing tribute to Gen. Kearney. Gen. Heintzleman was mentioned in words of praise and commendation. He paused at this stage of the lecture to remark that never in the history of the armies of the world was there an army that would average in intelligence and ability with the Union army of that time. The narrative of the campaign and battle of the second Bull Run was given in a thrilling manner. In was in this battle, while lying upon the ground waiting for an anticipated rebel charge, that the corporal was struck by a bursting shell that tore off both of his feet. Hospital life was next described with all its painful anxieties and trials. The closing portion of the lecture was an eloquent description of the political future of the country.

C. L. S. C.

The Mnemosynean's will give a class supper Thursday, Dec, 22, at the home of Miss Minnie French. Supper served from 7.45 to 9 o'clock.

Masonic Visitation.

Sixteen members of Quinebaug lodge, F. and A. M., visited the Webster lodge last Monday evening, the occasion being the official visit to that lodge of District Deputy Morton of Webster. The members of the Webster lodge entertained their visitors in right royal style. Nov. 10. 1887.

Contract Awarded.

The Town Hall building committe have awarded the contract for excavating and grading the Town Hall lot to Wellington and Kimball of Oxford. The contractors have commenced the work with a force of ten men and two teams. The refuse of the old hall is being dumped into the ravine at the rear of the lot.

This Evening at Notre Dame Church.

The ceremony of investing Rev. Father Brochu with the title of Camerier du Pape, recently conferred upon him by the Pope will take place this evening at 8 o'clock in Notre Dame church. Bishop O'Reilley of Springfield will officiate, and it is expected that a large number of the ppstors in this diocese will be present. Nov. 10. 1887

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

Sunday Morning Programs at the Various Churches. 1887.

The choirs of each of the churches in town have arranged a special list of Christmas music for next Sunday morning's services, as follows:

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Allelujah — Wilson.
Quartette and Chorus.
Solo—"Christmas" — Shelley.
Miss Carrie R. Stone.
"Christians Awake" — Warren.
Quartette.
"Jerusalem" — Frees.
Chorus, tenor and alto solos.

UNION CHURCH.

The choir will be assisted by Mrs. L. W. Litchfield of New York and Miss Nettie Potter of Danielsonville, Ct. Miss Martha Cutting will act as assistant organist. The program:

Christmas Anthem.
Chorus.
Joy to the World — Root.
Quartette.
Praise God — Sharp.
Chorus.

In the evening at 6 o'clock:

Prince of David — Porter.
Chorus.
A Prayer for Purity — Porter.
Duet and Quartette.
Hail Triumphant Prince — Porter.
Chorus.
Solo—"Sweet Guiding Star" — Porter.
Mrs. H. N. Carpenter,
Re-echo the Strain — Root.
Double Quartette and Chorus.
Tell Again the Story — Danks.
Chorus.

NOTRE DAME CHURCH.

At Notre Dame church the choir assisted by Les Montagnards, will give the following music: Battman's mass in E with orchestra accompaniment. At offertory: Gounod's "Ave Maria" with violin obligato by Prof. Bourvue, and "Adeste Fidiles."

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

At St. Mary's church there will be singing by the children's choir at 6.30 a. m. Leonard's new mass in E will be performed at 10.30 a. m., and at 7 p. m. Rosewig's musical vespers in G will be given by the choir.

METHODIST CHRCH.

Following is the program at the morning service: Hosanna in the Highest, De Monte. Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, Emerson. Glory to God in the Highest, Hull. Sunday school concert in the evening at 6 o'clock.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

The choir will render the following:

Anthem—"And there were Shepherds." — Williams.
Hymn—"Watchman, Tell us of the Night."
Anthem—"Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices." — Danks.
Hymn—Joy to the World."

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

The music at the Universalist church will be by the church quartette, and will consist of the following:

Credo, from Stearn's mass in F.
"There Shall a Star from Jacob," Mendelssohn.

At the Sunday school concert in the evening at 6:

"In the Evening there Were Shepherds," — Carl Pflueger.
Christmas Anthem — Williams.
Solo—Selected, — Miss E. Frances Dresser.

TOWN MEETING Aug. 9, 1887.

A Combined Town Hall and High School Building to be Built.—The Town House lot the Site Selected.

The town meeting convened last Saturday afternoon brought out a large number of citizens. Not for a long time has there been seen so great a number of the business men and farmers of the town in attendance at a town meeting as last Saturday. Promptly at 2 o'clock Town Clerk Phillips rapped the meeting to order and read the warrant. A ballot was then taken for moderator, resulting in the unanimous choice of J. M. Cochran. It was then voted to take up article 5 of the warrant, under which it was voted to rescind article 8 of adjourned town meeting of June 18, whereby it was voted to instruct the selectmen to purchase the South Marcy street lot. The vote to rescind was virtually unanimous. Article 4 was then taken up, and the meeting, by an overwhelming vote, decided to erect on the present Town Hall site a building combining the purpose of a Town Hall and High school, at a cost not to exceed $3,0000, and the treasurer was instructed and authorized to borrow this sum on the most favorable conditions, and give the notes of the town therefor, paabyle $3,000 annually of the principal with interest, the first payment to become due November 1, 1888. The modertor was instructed to appoint a committee of five to proceed to the erection of a building. He appointed the following to constitute this committee: Sylvester Dresser, W. D. Morse, Hartwell Hobbs, C. W. Weld and G. L. Clemence. A motion to reconsider the above vote was put and lost by the same decisive vote whereby it was adopted. Under article 2 it was voted to continue the committee and that they be allowed to publish their report. Article 3, which was to see if the town would pay Lorenzo Morton $200 in addition to the award of the selectmen in the laying out of Benefit street, was definitely postponed. After the action on article 3 a motion to dissolve the meeting was made and seconded. A. J. Bartholomew earnestly opposed it, but it was carried with but few dissenting votes.

A Fine Residence.

The new residence of Charles T. Barber, into which he moved this week, ranks among the most desirable in town. Occupying a commanding site on Dresser street, charming views of the town and the surrounding country can be obtained from its almost every window. The architectural style, both exterior and interior, is very similar to that of A. H. Wheeler's residence. It is built of wood, two stories in height, with gothic roof and L. On the first floor are parlor, sitting room, dining room, china closet, butler's pantry, kitchen and laundry. The parlor and sitting room are separated by a spacious entrance hall. The sitting room opens into the dining room, which is finished and furnished in antique or quartered oak in rich and elegant designs. The main stairway is also of quartered oak and is broken by one landing which is lighted by a cathedral window. On the second floor are the sleeping rooms and bath room. The house is finished in white wood, in imitation of cherry, with the exception of the dining room and the bath room, the last named being finished in ash. The house is heated throughout by steam. It was built by J. P. Cheney. The painting and decorating were done by Jacob Booth & Co., and the plumbing by G. L. Winter.

Aug. SOUTHBRIDGE 19, 1887.

When blooming in the garden beds,
The flowers exhale their sweet perfumes,
And man his thinnest flannels sheds,
The dog his summer pants assumes.

—Band concert tonight at the Globe.

—Another town meeting—sometime.

—Services will be resumed at the Union church next Sunday.

—New hitching posts have been placed in front of the bank building.

—The report in full of the committee or sewerage will be found on the fourth page.

—A water snake four feet and four inches long was killed in Amasa Haskell's garden recently.

—James P. Kelley will enter St. Joseph college, Memramcook, New Brunswick, September 1st.

—Quite a number of Southbridge people attended Father Quan's birthday picnic in Webster, Monday.

—A big crowd went to Worcester Wednesday to witness the league game between the Bostons and Washingtons.

—George Hoyle has opened a boot and shoe repair shop in the building in the court west of the new bank building.

—The curbing on Foster street, adjoining the residence of I. P. Hyde, is being reset to conform to the actual line of the street.

—J. W. Robinson received by express from Webster, last Saturday, a black bass that weighed, dressed, four and one quarter pounds.

—The stringing of the electric light wires along the streets, happily, did not require the cutting of any limbs on the shade trees on the route.

—The Town Hall and High school building committee have organized with Sylvester Dresser as chairman and W. D. Morse as secretary.

—Any person who so desires can see the plans of the sewerage system as recommended by the special committee at W. C. Barnes' store.

—Mrs. George W. Wells is still sick at Kennebunk, Me. While as yet unable to sit up, it is thought that she is in a more comfortable condition.

—Only a small number of Southbridge people attended the excursion of the St. Jean Baptiste Society yesterday to Rocky Point, doubtless on account of the rain.

—The steam drill used in the work on Dresser street was employed in drilling a ledge on A. J. Bartholomew's land, corner of Dresser and Marcy streets last Sunday.

—Among the new books recently added to the public library are Count Tolstoi's "Sebastopol," 5.644, and the "Life of Abraham Lincoln," by J. G. Holland, 4.975.

—E. B. Horn lost his horse by sun stroke last Saturday. A paper is being circulated on the street by Charles Thompson for the purpose of obtaining money enough to get Mr. Horne another horse. It is being freely signed.

—There will be no preaching service at the Baptist church for the next four Sundays, as the pastor is taking a vacation. The regular Sunday and Wednesday evening prayer meeting will be continued.

—Miss Fannie Cole gave a musicale at her home on Sayles street last Saturday night which was attended by a number of her friends and associates. A feature of the reception was the piano and cornet solos by Miss May and Thomas Oldham.

—Many former residents of Southbridge and vicinity are now residing in different parts of the country. Their friends and ours can serve both at once by furnishing us with a list of their names and residences. A sample copy of the JOURNAL will be sent free of charge. Aug. 1887.

—"The sentiment is considerably divided, and there is a good deal of uncertainty as to the result of the meeting" is what the local correspondent of the *Worcester Gazette* said in last Saturday's issue of that paper. The result showed scarcely any division of sentiment, a fact patent to all before the meeting opened.

—One of the most successful bass enticers in town is L. Wesley Curtis. He rarely makes an unsuccessful attempt to capture some of them while on his fishing excursions, and oftentimes his prizes are large ones. Tuesday, while fishing on Mashapaug pond, he caught, among others, one that weighed three pounds.

—Rev. Gorham Easterbrook will preach to the people of his former charge in Hyde Park next Sunday. He will then go to Kennebunk, Me., for the remainder of his vacation. After his return to Southbridge, he will, as soon as practicable, occupy the new parsonage of the Baptist church society on Park street.

—G. A. Haggerty, a native of Southbridge but now living in New Brunswick, writes us that he has been selected as the escort of Sir John A. McDonald, Sir Leonard Tilley and their wives and staff on their tour over the New Brunswick railways. The entire train, which McDonald says is the best he ever saw, was built under the supervision of Mr. Haggerty.

—Miss Comins, the efficent librarian of the public library, is enjoying a justly merited vacation in Shirley. During Miss Comin's absence the duties of librarian will be discharged by her capable assistants, Miss Julia Smith and Miss Mollie Kelley. Our library has become an important institution, and the position of librarian or assistant is one of honor and responsibility. Southbridge is fortunate in having the exceptionally fine service it has at present in the library,

—Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Kelley contemplate removing west. Mr. Kelley, from his long connection with his father's store, and later as a clerk for J. S. Gleason, has become acquainted with a large number of people, who will regret his departure from town. Mr. Kelley is troubled with asthma so badly as to necessitate his removal to a more congenial climate. He will sell his household goods and furniture at public auction Saturday, Aug. 27, at 2 p. m.

July **At the Methodist Church.** 1887.

Services will be held at the Methodist church next Sunday as follows: 9:30 a. m., love feast; 10:45 a. m., preaching by Rev. J. W. Lindsay D. D., presiding elder of Boston district; 6 p. m., praise and bible service.

The first quarterly conference will be held in the ladies' parlor at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening.

The Wide Awakes, will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. A full attendance desired.

Rev. Mr. Hayward on The Puritan.

Rev. Sylvanus Hayward, pastor of the Union church, read a paper on "The Character of the Puritans of Massachusetts Bay" at the meeting of the Congregational club at Worcester Monday evening, of which the following is an abstract:

"The Puritan was a manly man. He stood four square, like the capital city of the kingdom of God, to which he belonged. He was a sincere man. Hypocricy was his abhorrence. He was a conscientious man, preeminently, that he felt God's enemies were his enemies. If he had been commissioned to destroy Amalek, he would have paid neither flocks nor heads; nor would Samuel have had to hew Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal. The Puritan would have died himself. With all his defects, obedience to God was his ruling desire. Though like James and John, he may sometimes have mistaken the spirit in which he acted, yet he came nearer the standard than he could have done with any lower or mere humanitarian aid. But even the Puritan was not all stainless. L'Allegro was set over against Il Penseroso. If he roughly rejected Hallowe'en and Christmas on account of their pagan and popish superstition, he created Thanksgiving, better and dearer than both to every true-hearted Yankee. If he were an iceberg, chilly, severe and terrible to those who crossed his path, yet there was a sunny side where the pinnacled heights of his soul, stretching Godward, glowed and glittered with celestial light and beauty.

But the most important characteristic of the Puritan was his stalwart faith. With the clinging armor of faith he grasped the omnipotence of God, and defied the universe to withstand him. Such characier our young people ought to be trained to study, and to admire, that some, at least, of their sterling virtues, and the iron of their blood, may be transmitted into the generation which shall come after us. To every generation belongs its own work, and what generation ever accomplished it better, more nobly, and with fewer faults than the Puritans of our commonwealth?"

The story is told that a preacher was once describing to his congregation the terrors of the judgment day, when the sheep would be parted from the goats. "Who will dare," he cried, "to stand among the goats upon that awful day?" The question was repeated, and the speaker paused as if for a reply. There was a simple minded seafaring man in the gallery who quietly arose and said: "I never take a dare, and if the fun can't go without it, I'll be the goat." This is the noble attitude of Mr. Higgins. A goat is absolutely necessary to the democratic party just at this crisis.—New York Tribune.

Concert at the Universalist Church.

The concert given by the Universalist Sunday school last Sunday evening passed off very pleasantly. The exercises consisted of a reading by the superintendent, anthems by the choir, singing by the school and Misses Dresser and Newhall; recitations by Willie Edwards, Gertie Litchfield, Vannie Edwards, Everett Morse, Harold Clarke, George Morse, Bert Morse, Lizzie Morse, Emma Dresser, Mabel Morse; recitations and songs by the classes of Mrs. M. J. Spencer, Mrs. W. H. Clarke and Miss Willerette Barnes. The concert closed with the benediction by the pastor. 1887.

—George Hill has been very sick during the week, but is at present a little better.

—Quite a number of Southbridge people will visit Barnum's circus at Worcester today. July 1887.

—The regular Y. M. C. A. meeting will be omitted next Monday evening, the Fourth.

—Mrs. Duquette, the victim of the late shooting affair, is reported as being in a precarious condition.

The Canadian base ball club play a nine from Fiskdale tomorrow on the home grounds.

—The Southbridge Optical Company's works have stopped work until Monday, July 11.

—The Y. W. C. T. U. will hold a lawn party on the Town Hall lawn Friday evening July 8. The Southbridge Brass Band will give a concert at the same time and place.

—Dr. S. S. Silva and John M. Cochran leave tonight for Block Island to spend the Fourth. They will return Tuesday evening.

—Augustus Daniels loaded a car of square edged pine boards at the station yesterday that attracted much attention on account of its clearness and freedom from knots.

—Globe Council of the Home Circle is in a flourishing condition. New members are being added, and their informal meetings at which guests are frequently invited are highly spoken of.

—The auditorium of the Congregational church was filled last Sunday evening by people who had gathered to listen to the Sunday school concert. The exercises consisted of songs, recitations, remarks by N. P. Sanborn and the pastor.

—Mary Ammidown Admr. vs. Joseph Kinsley, a bill in equity pending for the last year in the Supreme Judicial Court at Boston, has been decided and bill dismissed with costs for defendant. Henry H. Buck of Boston for plaintiff, J. M. Cochran for defendant.

—Carpenters and plumbers are at work refitting and remodeling the house on South street, just vacated by James Taylor. After the contemplated changes are made, the house will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ellis.

—At a meeting of the Odd Fellows Tuesday evening the following officers were elected: Noble grand, W. S. Kilton; vice grand, Frank Cummings; recording secretary, Ernest Gay; treasurer, Otis B. Gay.

—The treasurer of the Webster Chimes of Normandy opera company that played here a short time ago has settled all bills on account of the last two presentations, and finds it necessary to assess the members for a deficiency of $2.45.

—Mrs. J. J. Gilles of Dudley became temporarily deranged in mind from the effects of the sun, Wednesday, and wandered aloug the road to Southbridge. She was found and cared for by a resident of Hamilton street, Wednesday evening, and returned to her home yesterday morning with her son who came in search of her.

—Driver Butterworth of the Palmer stage line met with quite a severe accident while attempting to jump from a moving train at Springfield, Monday. His head, face, right hand ahd arm and the right side of the body were badly bruised in the fall he received. He has been unable to work since, but expects to resume his duties soon.

—A sarcophagus was placed on the lot of the late Samuel M. Lane, in Oak Ridge cemetery this week. The monument is made of Rockport granite, and consists of base, plinth, die and cap. Its architectural style is gothic. The base of the monument is six feet long by three feet nine inches wide, and this alone weighs nearly three tons. Each of the panels of the die are polished. On the front panel is the inscription to the memory of Mr. Lane; on the obverse side is an inscription to the memory of his sons, S. T., and H. D. Lane. Rising from the east slope of the cap is a cornice with a polished face on which is chiseled a sheaf of wheat. The entire weight of the structure is nine tons, and its cost was about $800. It was made by Evans & Co., of Worcester. 1887.

Strawberries and Cream. 1887.

The June supper given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., in the association rooms last evening is deserving of the highest commendation. Each of the tables in the banquet rooms had for its centre piece some floral design and all were laden with fruit and cake. The menu consisted of strawberry shortcake, strawberries and cream, hot rolls, cold meats, cake, ice cream, sherbet, coffee and tea. The members of the auxiliary have always on all occasions shown themselves capable and willing helpers of the association, and last evening's repast was another testimonial of their regard for and desire to assist the Y. M. C. A. The bills of fare used on the occasion were the work of W. S. Kilton, and like all specimens of his penmanship, were deserving of the many complimentary remarks made about them.

July New Baptist Parsonage. 1887.

The meeting of the Baptist society Wednesday evening was well attended. R. H. Cole presided. It was unanimously voted to buy the S. P. Irwin estate, corner Main and Park streets, for a parsonage, at a price not to exceed $4000. The question of selling the old parsonage was discussed and the meeting adjourned until next Tuesday evening. It is possible that a special act of the legislature will be necessary before the old parsonage can be sold, owing to some question about the title.

Sept. Surprise Party. 1887

Last Friday evening sixty-five of the lady and gentlemen friends of Miss Clara Hefner gave her a genuine surprise visit at her home on Hamilton street, the occasion being the return of her birthday. So completely was Miss Hefner surprised by the arrival of her friends that they found her in her every day attire, and their presence so affected her that for a time she was unable to audibly bid them welcome.

After the party had laid aside their wraps, Miss Nellie Reilly presented Miss Hefner, on behalf of her assembled friends, with a standard gold watch chain. The presentation of the chain was followed by another present, a bouquet of choice flowers artistically arranged, and a fit accompaniment to the former. Miss Aggie Dinan presented this. Miss Hefner had been presented at sometime during the day, by her sister Lizzie, with a standard gold hunting case Waltham watch. Thus the day as a whole was an auspicious one for her. At the close of the presentation ceremonies, the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, singing and appropriate amusements. Refreshments were served during the evening. A pleasant feature of the evening's pastimes was the dancing of an Irish jig by Miss Johanna Ryan and John Shields, at the close of which both were presented an elegant bouquet.

C. A. R. Lecture Course.

The members of Malcolm Ammidown post have completed arrangements for a course of three lectures to be given in Dresser opera house, on the evenings of Tuesday, November 22; Monday, December 19; and Wednesday, January 10. The first lecture of the series will be given by Charles N. Thomas; subject: "Here and There in the Civil War," and will be illustrated by the stereopticon. The lecture December 19 will be by Corporal Tanner, one of the most popular platform speakers of the day. His subject will be "Soldier Life, Grave and Gay." "The Bright side of Life in Libby Prison," will be the subject of Chaplain McCabe's lecture January 10. He is said to be an interesting speaker. The G. A. R. boys have been fortunate in securing the above named speakers, and the committee having the matter in charge have had the good sense to place the price of season tickets at only $1.00. We bespeak for the course a complete success. The object of the members of the post in providing these lectures is to replenish the relief fund. Nov. 10. 1887.

Y. W. C. T. U.

Nov. *Contributed.* 1887.

The W. C. T. U. of Southbridge ask the Y. W. C. T. U. and the Wide Awakes to join them in observing Saturday next, the second day of "The World's Concert of Prayer for the Temperance Reform," by a prayer meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 3 p. m.

The first annual meeting for the election of officers will be held next Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock in the Baptist vestry. Miss Stebbins will report the doings of the convention recently held in Boston. All members are requested to be present.

Meeting for prayer next week at the usual place. Subject, "Personal Responsibility."

The New Militia Company Inspected.

The military organization in town was inspected by Col. Fred W. Wellington Wednesday evening in the presence of the board of selectmen, A. J. Bartholomew, J. M. Cochran, C. A. Dresser, C. D. Paige and others. The inspection took place in G. A. R. hall and 55 members of the company responded to roll call. Col. Wellington spoke in a complimentary manner of the company. He explained the duties of the militia and gave an opportunity for any one to ask questions relating to the subject. The inspection lasted for an hour. Adjutant General Dalton was expected to be present, but was at the last moment prevented from coming.

Seventh District Conventions.

The seventh Worcester representative district Democratic convention was held Thursday at the C. A. Dresser House, Southbridge. A. H. Wheeler, chairman of the district committee, called the meeting to order. Mr. Wheeler was made permanent chairman, and the organization of the convention was completed by the choice of Moses Barnes of Dudley as secretary. Charles Haggerty of Southbridge, the present representative from the district, was unanimously re-nominated for a second term. It was decided by the convention that Charlton should name the candidate next year. Candidate Haggerty was informed of his nomination and requested to make a brief address. In complying he thanked the convention for the honor conferred upon him. Sept. 6 1887

Town Warrant.

WORCESTER, SS.
To either of the Constables of the town of Southbridge, in the county of Worcester,
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Dresser Opera House in said Southbridge, on MONDAY, the 17th day of October, at two of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the Selectmen's report filed with the Town Clerk Oct. 6th, 1887, locating and laying main Drains or Common Sewers in Center Village according to plans and specifications filed with the report and forming a part of the same, or act thereon.

Article 3. To see if the town will determine what part of the expense of constructing the sewers referred to in Article two of this Warrant, shall be paid by the town, or act thereon.

Article 4 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for constructing the sewers laid out, or act thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to locate and lay out any main drains or Common sewers in Center Village, or act thereon.

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate additional money for the account of contingent School , or act thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Town Hall and High School Building Committee to include in said Building a Memorial Hall, or act thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise additional money for the repair of Highways, or act thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to transfer from the account of unappropriated funds $546.43 to the credit of Columbian road, also $500 to Credit of Dresser Street Hill, or act thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to establish additional Electric lights, or act thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to buy additional land and right of way adjoining Town House lot, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the Southbridge JOURNAL and the Southbridge *Herald* the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting, — or by posting up such attested copies in four conspicuous public places within the Town, at least nine days, including Sundays,— before the day of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place hereinbefore named.

Given under our hands this 6th day of October A. D., 1887.

A. H. WHEELER,
W. D. MORSE.
GEO. L. CLEMENCE,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy attest.
J. S. DRESSER, Constable of Southbridge.

At the seventh Worcester Republican convention held in Dresser small hall Thursday afternoon, R. B. Dodge, Jr., of Charlton, was chosen chairman and C. W. Hill of Southbridge, secretary. There were seventeen delegates present. Charles Hyde, Southbridge; H. J. McIntire and Andrew Partridge, Charlton, were chosen as a committee on credentials. W. H. King of Charlton was unanimously nominated by acclamation as the representative candidate. It was voted that the chairmen of the town committees form the district committee. It was also voted that the matter of determining which town should be entitled to the nomination next year be left with the district committee.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

Dec. 29 — 1887

One by one the noselets redden,
Two by two the eyelets freeze,
And throughout this frigid country
Now resounds the cloying sneeze.

—Miss May Oldham is the guest of relatives in Providence, R. I.

—Misses Ella Chamberlain and Ada Gay, both of Franklin, spent Christmas in town.

—Next Sunday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, Rev. W. J. Pomfret will preach at the Sandersdale school house.

—Merrick A. Marcy's new house on South street, is so far completed as to allow work to proceed on the interior.

—The season having closed, Miss R. B. Paige, W. E. Alden's milliner, has returned to her home in Newmarket, N. H.

—The greater portion of the American Optical Company's works will be closed all of next week for the annual taking of stock.

—T. G. and Miss L. E. Easterbrook of Boston, father and sister of Rev. Gorham Easterbrook, were his Christmas guests.

—Ernest Watkins, formerly of Southbridge but now of South Manchester, Ct., with his wife, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Oakes.

—The annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held with Mrs. Danielson next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—Miss Louie Newell, who since her graduation from Vassar college, has been teaching in a private school in Providence, R. I., is spending the holiday vacation in town.

—The Hamilton Woolen Company and the Southbridge Printing Company are each receiving a cargo of 600 tons of coal. The first named concern is also receiving 2000 bags of wool.

—Henry F. Mansfield, who several years ago was the overseer of the carding room in the new mill, recently became the assistant superintendent of the Mohawk Valley cotton mills in Utica, N. Y.

—Samuel Wright, a son of Ephraim Wright, died last Sunday evening in New York city, aged 28 years. His body was brought to Southbridge Wednesday evening and buried from the residence of his father on School street, at 1.30 p. m. today.

—Rev. W. J. Pomfret preached in the Westville school house last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock to an unexpectedly large congregation. Another service will be held at the same place and hour next Sunday and each succeeding Sunday until further notice.

—A notable family Christmas gathering took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Flood, Saturday evening, when six of their children and twelve of their grandchildren met with them and passed a merry evening. A Christmas tree laden with gifts for young and old, which were distributed by Santa Claus, and a supper were features of the occasion that all present enjoyed.

—Miss Annie, youngest daughter of E. B. Cummings, left town last Friday for Providence, R. I., where it is her present intention to locate. Her leaving Southbridge is a matter of deep regret to her friends, acquaintances and the general public, for she occupied an enviable position in musical and religious circles. Her absence will be especially felt in the Congregational society, where she was a general favorite, and in whose service she was always a ready and willing worker.

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—A unique and instructive entertainment will be given in Dresser opera house next week Friday evening, Jan. 6. when the Chinese Student's Company will appear with their exhibition of Chinese wonders and curiosities. The affair is called "An evening in China among the Chinese and their curios." Mrs. Chew Sue Chung, the only Chinese lady lecturer on the American platform, is one of the company. The entertainment is given under the auspices of the ladies of the Universalist society, who will also serve one of their excellent suppers in the hall from 6 o'clock onward.

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—The announcement Monday morning of the death of Mrs. Hiram Webster was a surprise to her many friends as she had been ill of pneumonia only four days. Mrs. Webster was born in Southbridge, Dec. 10, 1807. The family homestead has been for several years the property of Amasa Haskell. She was the last one of a family of eight; the only brother, Francis Morse, dying several years ago. She was living with her third husband at the time of her death; the first being Charles Vinton of West Dudley, the second Jeremiah Morse of Bethel Vt. Mrs. Webster leaves two sons, Francis M. and Henry N. Vinton of Southbridge. Deceased was a member of the Baptist church.

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—Among the former residents in town during the Christmas recess were: William Wright, wife and family of Riverpoint, R. I.; John Ryan of Lynn; Thomas Murray, once employed in the JOURNAL composing room, of Providence, R. I.; James Blaine, Riverpoint, R. I.; James Whittaker of Wappinger Falls, N. Y.; John Morrissey, Worcester; Fred L. Geer of the New England Farmer, Boston; Miss Lillie Holmes, Springfield; Miss Grace Hayward, Springfield; Miss Edith Cheney of the state normal school, Worcester; John Walker, Providence R. I.; James Blute, Olneyville, R. I.; James Sinclair, Worcester; A. W. Martin, New Haven, Ct.; John Carney, N. Y.; F. W. Boulton, wife and child, Spencer: H. E. Wells, Boston, who will remain till after the holidays.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

Sept, 1887.

—Dr. G. G. Bulfinch was called to Boston Saturday by a telegram announcing the death of his father. He returned the first of the week.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Williams have the fullest sympathy of the entire community in their recent severe affliction, the death of their little daughter Bessie, which occurred last Sunday.

—The dam at Lensdale is so far constructed as to cause a partial overflowing of the land to be covered by the pond. The frame of the entire building is up and a part of the roof is ready for slating.

—The Democrats of Dudley have indorsed Representative Haggerty for renomination. The Southbridge and Charlton Democrats, so far as we can learn, look favorably upon his renomination.

—A. M. Bancroft, superintendent of the Ellington creamery, will be present at the creamery meeting at the West Dudley next Saturday at 1 o'clock p. m. and give an explanation of the practical working of one of the best creameries in Conn. All interested are invited to be present.

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Dec Christmas Sociable. 1887.

The sociable and supper held in the vestry of the Methodist church, Monday evening, was in the highest degree a happy affair. It was pre-eminently a children's entertainment. At 5.30 the children sat down to the tables and the jollity of the scene that ensued was a genuine treat to those who witnessed it. After the children had left them, the tables were again replenished and the older ones sat down and enjoyed a substantial supper. Singing by the children, a reading by Miss Pomfret and remarks by the pastor followed the supper. The remarks of Mr. Pomfret disclosed the fact that there were to be other feasts than that found at the tables. At an opportune moment in his remarks the pastor paused and taking up an elegant garnet plush photograph album called to his side George T. McVey, superintendent of the Sunday school. In words suited to the occasion, he in behalf of the Sunday school, presented the album to Mr. McVey, who, so complete was his surprise, was unable to reply, but all present realized what he wished to express. At the close of this surprise J. Edward Clemence, without apparent invitation, addressed the audience in regard to the valuable service rendered the choir by a certain person. Proceeding, he requested J. A. King to come forward. The request being complied with, Mr. Clemence in behalf of the choir, presented Mr. King with a beautiful easy chair made of rattan and upholstered in garnet plush. Mr. King spoke a few graceful words in reply on receiving the gift. Mr. Pomfret, again taking the platform, commenced as he afterwards said, to make extended remarks, when he was abruptly interrupted by C. E. Wilson, who in a solid little speech, presented Mr Pomfret in behalf of his Bible class, with a purse containing a generous contribution. In a few words full of meaning he thanked the members of his class. This ended the surprises and the presentations of the evening. Another season of singing and social chat closed the evening's entertainment.

—The Sandersdale Sunday school had a Christmas tree last Saturday evening. During the distribution of the gifts, Thomas Sanders in behalf of the school, presented Rev. W. J. Pomfret with a generous sum of money as a testimonial of their regard for him and as a recognition of his gratuitous labors for the school.

The New Factory at Lensdale.

The building of the works at Lensdale is still progressing in the same thorough and substantial manner that has marked the work from the beginning. The chimney of the factory has been built to a hight of over thirty feet. It stands on a stone foundation with three layers of grouting, and is four feet deep and thirteen feet square. The chimney is nine feet square at its base and will have an independent circular flue. When completed it will be 85 feet high. It is being constructed under the supervision of Calvin Claflin. A force of workmen is engaged in excavating the wheel-pit and have the work nearly completed. Another force is employed in excavating the race way, while still another force is employed in completing the dyke of the new river channel. The company's new steam pump is at present used in pumping the water from the wheel pit, which it can do if necessary, at the rate of 1200 gallons a minute.

Additional Premiums Awarded.

The following additional premiums have been awarded on exhibits at the Sturbridge fair: The committee on farms, class 50, have awarded the first premium of $15 to W. H. H. Cheney of Southbridge. The second premium was not awarded.

The committee on field crops, class 41, report as follows: On exhibits in the hall. Best bushel of corn, 1st, W. Wight, Sturbridge, $3; 2d E. F. Douty, Dudley, 2; 3d Edward Nichols, Sturbridge, 1. Best bushel of rye, 1st Amasa Haskell, Southbridge, 5; 2d W. H. H. Cheney, Southbridge, 1. Best bushel of oats, 1st W. H. H. Cheney, 2; 2d Amasa Haskell 1. Best bushel of barley, C. E. Ainsworth, Sturbridge, 2. Best bushel of buckwheat, S. A. Shumway, Sturbridge 2; 2d ditto, 1. Cropsin the field: Best acre of corn, 1st W. H. H. Cheney 8; 2d Dr. L. W. Curtis, Southbridge, 6. Best acre of rye, ; 2d Dr. L. W. Curtis, 6. Best acre of oats, 2d Baxter Moore, Dudley, 6. Sept 1887

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Sept. *Contributed.* 1887.

"The evidence giving power of a faith which rests on actual contact with Christ" is the topic for the young men's meeting next Monday evening. Read John iv:40-42; II Cor. iv:3-6; Psa. xxxiv:8. All men are cordially welcome.

At the business meeting Monday evening there were eleven applicants for membership.

Those whose membership has expired should renew without delay, that they may receive their tickets to the "star course."

The arrangements for the coming state convention are progressing satisfactorily, and the indications are for a grand series of meetings. Mr. Sankey will be here to conduct the music, which will be made a most pleasant feature of the conventions. E. L. Bates of Holyoke is to organize and conduct a male chorus of fifty or more voices organized from the delegates. This in other conventions has proved a great attraction. To make the musical part still more attractive it is proposed to have the Mt. Hermon choir of boys from the Moody school at Northfield. This choir is under the instruction of Prof. Towner, and they sing beautifully.

Nov. SOUTHBRIDGE. 1887.

—George W. Martin spent last Sunday in town.

—Charles N. Morse has gone to Boston for a few weeks.

—George Whitford of Leicester visited in town last week.

—Miss Carrie Cheney is visiting friends in New York city.

—The roof of Curtis' block is receiving a new coat of tar and felt.

—S. K. Edwards has his new houses on Lens street nearly completed.

—Mr. and Mrs. George L. Stedman of Albany, N. Y., visited in town last week.

—S. S. Perry, who still retains his residence here, came home from Rockland to vote.

—Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hersey, well known former residents, were in town last Friday.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cady spent a portian of last week in Springfield, the guests of friends.

The Thomson-Houston Company's New Building.

The Thomson-Houston Electric Lighting Company have leased of the Mutual Gaslight Company a piece of land adjacent to their gashouse, and will establish thereon an electric light plant. The building is to be of brick, one story high, ten feet in the clear, with attic finished for a store room. The boiler room will be separated from the remaining rooms of the building by a brick wall. The structure will be 55 by 35 feet in dimensions. The boiler room will be near enough to the railroad to permit of coal being dumped within a few feet of the boiler house thus obviating all necessity of carting it. The machinery of the building will be of sufficient capacity to furnish 200 lights, and also power, if desired for the coming street railway cars. John P. Cheney has the contract for the erection of the building and July 20 is the date specified in the contract for the completion of the building. Thomas P. Robinson has the general supervision of the Thomson-Houston Company's interests in Southbridge, and if he pushes things with his reputed energy there is every probability of the electric lights being an accomplished fact in Southbridge by the 10th of August, if not at an earlier date. Poles of the best Michigan cedar and insulated wire of the best make, only, will be used. The poles will be painted, and in places where trees would otherwise obstruct the light, Brady mast arms will be used, which will carry the light into the centre of the street. Three separate circuits will be maintained one for the Globe, another for the Centre, and the third for stores, etc. The company are receiving orders for lights to be placed in the stores in town from the merchants in general, and the store not lighted by electricity next winter will probably be the exception, and not the rule. 1887.

BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE.

The Board of Health will meet every Monday evening at 8 p. m., from May 1 to November 1, at the Selectmen's rooms, Central street.

T. L. PATON, M. D.,
Secretary.

Oct. SOUTHBRIDGE. 1887.

—Other local news in supplement.

—Albert Underwood of Worcester spent last Sunday in town.

—Miss Ada Gay of Franklin is visiting relatives and friends in town.

—Rev. Father Boylan of Oxford was the guest of Rev. James Donahue, Monday and Tuesday.

—The Southbridge National Bank declared a semi-annual dividend of four percent on the 1st inst.

—Druggist J. E. Bailey of Rowley, has been the guest of his friend, G. H. Hartwell, the present week.

—A party of local hunters report seeing a veritable wild cat in the woods near Union one day this week.

—J. F. B. Litchfield, tax collector, is now ready to receive taxes. Only poll taxes will be taken after 4 p. m.

—Rev. James Donahue attended the dedicatory services of the new Catholic church in Spencer last Sunday.

—Henry R. Stone of Hyde Park and Harry Tomlinson of Newton, were the guests of Mrs. O. B. Gay last Sunday.

—The Wide Awakes will meet at the Y M. C. A. rooms at 3.45 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. A large attendance is desired.

—Herbert A. Hargraves is sick with typhoid fever at the home of his sister in Parkesburg, Penn. His mother, Mrs. W. C. Hargraves, is with him. Oct. 1887.

—W. H. Eccleston's three-year-old son fell from the piazza of Lyman Sibley's house, one day this week, and broke his arm.

—The morning mail was over two hours late Tuesday, owing to a freight smash up on the Boston & Albany road at North Grafton.

—At the Union church last Sunday morning the pastor preached on "The Necessity of Regeneration," from the text Romans i:30, "Hateful to God."

—Division 12, A. O. H., and their accompanying friends arrived home from the celebration at Worcester last Saturday on a special train at 8:40 p. m.

—Chin Sam, the Chinese laundryman, has invested in a big incandescent electric light which illuminates his establishment with a brilliancy truly celestial.

—Mr. Seabury, of the firm of Richmond & Seabury, architects, Springfield, was in town Monday in consultation with the Town Hall building committee.

—The social given by Y. W. C. T. U. in Arcanum hall Tuesday evening was not very extensively patronized, owing, probably, to the uncertainty of the weather.

—A regular meeting of Phœnix council, Royal Arcanum, will be held in their hall next Thursday evening, Oct. 13. D. D. Grand Regent Ira F. Goodwin will be present. Oct. 1887.

—Peter Dumas, one of the workmen on the Dresser street ledge, received a painful injury Wednesday, while assisting in moving a large stone. Mr. Dumas was taken insensible and carried to his home where he was attended by Dr. Literneau. He is as well as could be expected.

—B. F. Douty, a resident of Southbridge twenty-five years ago and for the past five years the manager of the New Home sewing machine office in Worcester, left that city Tuesday, for Pasadena, Cal., where he intends to settle and engage in the real estate business.

—It is a good idea to gather wild clematis before it has "wooled" out. Immediately after gathering it, strip off all leaves and hang it where you design it to stay. In a few days it will "wool" out and look and keep much better than if gathered later in the season.

—Mrs. S. C. Hartwell returned last week, after having been away three and a half months. She visited relatives in Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Pennsylvania. Miss Nellie is stopping with Mrs. W. H. Green at Hardy, Iowa.

—G. W. Wells is moving his greenhouse from his former home to his present resident on Main street. The lodge was first detached from the house and will probably be set on its foundation to-day, when the removal of the greenhouse proper will be undertaken. The removal of any building is an awkward job, and the removal of a greenhouse is emphatically so. Charles Morse has the contract for the removal of the house.

—The Woman's Relief Corps will give an entertainment Oct. 14 in the G. A. R. rooms, consisting of readings by Miss Sibbell Banks, of Waltham, with instrumental and vocal music by home talent. Miss Banks comes very highly recommended. Among many of her testimonials the following: Miss Banks quite surprised her friends by her ease, grace and power. Her voice is superb, finely modulated, and used with great expression. It was evident that Gen. Banks felt a just pride as well as pleasure in the efforts of the talented daughter of hi brother last night at Music Hall.—*Waltham Times.* Oct. 1887.

—Fred H. Adams has moved into the house recently vacated by Mrs. Otis N. Upham. Nov. 1887.

—J. F. Parker's health has improved to the extent of permitting him to walk about the house.

—Clerk Morris of the Bugbee House, Putnam, was in town the past week, the guest of H. P. Colburn.

—Miss Grace Hayward will receive a salary of $750 a year as assistant teacher in the Springfield High school.

—Among the first to vote, Tuesday, was Stephen P. Irwin, now in his 91st year. He cast his vote for Gov. Ames.

—Mrs. and Miss Garcelon of Boston, the first named a sister of John Tatterson's, were his guests the present week.

—At the Congregational church last Sunday morning Rev. J. Danielson's theme was "The duty of confessing Christ."

—G. H. Hartwell has placed in his store a new nickle plated heater, and now it is hot coffee and chocolate instead of ice cold soda.

—Hollis Bemis, the Southbridge agent for Carr & Co's crackers, sells an average of 50 barrels on each of his fortnightly trips.

—It is estimated that from 40 to 50 tickets are sold monthly in Southbridge for that robbery, the Louisiana lottery, through its Boston agency.

—"The requisites of success in christian work" was the subject of Rev. Gorham Easterbrook's sermon at the Baptist church last Sunday morning.

—The ladies of the Universalist society will serve a supper in the church vestry next Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock and onward till all are served.

—Charles Rockwood, once a resident and merchant of Southbridge, but now of Warren, was the recent Prohibitory candidate for the legislature from the fifth Worcester district.

—Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Curtis are away this week on another carriage journey. They are visiting relatives and friends in towns in the central and eastern parts of the county.

—Postmaster Oakes placed on sale the new green two cent stamp last Saturday afternoon, and, believing in the eternal fitness of things, sold the first one to a JOURNAL reporter.

—Sixty-seven of the gasoline street lights are still in use. Of these 35 are at the Globe and 32 in the Centre village. Only one gaslight is in use by the town, the one on the fountain in front of the public library building.

—Rev. Dr. Hulbert, a college classmate of Rev. S. Hayward and ex-president of Middlebury (Vt.) college, preached at the Union church last Sunday morning, from the text, I Cornthians iii:22, "For all things are yours."

—A drove of cattle, consisting in the main of two-year-old steers, and numbering 400 head, passed through town Wednesday. This is the largest herd seen in town for a number of years.

—Rev. and Mrs. Frank Magwire were summoned to Cambridgeport last Saturday on account of the death of Mrs. Magwire's father, which occurred Friday at midnight. He was a man of excellent traits and unblemished character. His funeral took place Tuesday. Nov. 10. 1887.

—James Taylor jr., secretary of the Milford Y. M. C. A., was quite severely burned about the hands and face by the explosion of a lamp in his office last Thursday evening. Mr. Taylor's friends in Southbridge will be pleased to learn that he is rapidly recovering.

—Senator Sayles was in town last Friday, presumably for the purpose of seeing that his fences were all up. While the result of Tuesday showed that they were all right here it showed also that they were in a terribly dilapidated condition in other portions of the farm.

—The public library has recently received from the estate of Holmes Ammidown the eighth edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica, published from 1854 to 1860, 22 volumes. Also from the estate of Dea. S. M. Lane, 62 volumes of the *Missionary Herald*, 1825–1887. As it is desirable to have the set complete, any volumes published previous to 1825 will be thankfully received.

—The Bennett & Moulton opera company closed a very successful three nights and matinee engagement at Dresser opera house last evening in "Chimes of Normandy." The company has sung to crowded houses during its stay in town. Monday evening "The Mascot" was presented, and Tuesday evening "Olivette." At the matinee yesterday afternoon "Pinafore" was given The local hits during the several performances were duly appreciated by the audience. Nov. 1887.

SOUTHBRIDGE. Dec. 1887.

—There will be a Sunday school concert at the Congregational church next Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

—The High school, together with the schools in the School street building, close tomorrow for the holiday vacation.

—George L. Clemence is building an ice house, of sixty tons capacity, on the brink of the pond, on his farm, where he cuts his ice.

—One hundred gilt-edged subscriptions to the SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL, suitable for Christmas presents, for sale at the JOURNAL office.

—The theme of Rev. S. Hayward's sermon at the Union church last Sunday morning was "Christ, the soul's physician." The text was Jeremiah viii:22.

—Katora Shimomura of Worcester will give, in native costume, the first of the Y. M. C. A. informal talks, in the association rooms, next Tuesday evening. Subject: "Glimpses of life in Japan."

—Remember the illustrated lecture by Dr. Crabtre of Boston at the Baptist church next Tuesday evening. It has been decided to make the lecture free to all and no admission fee will be charged.

—Hon. A. J. Bartholomew and C. D. Paige attended the national convention of Republican clubs in New York last week as delegates from the Southbridge Republican club, arriving home last Saturday morning. Both gentlemen express themselves as much pleased with the doings of the convention, and with the New York clubs' generous hospitality.

—Deputy Sheriff, Jacobs, Constables Reilly and Dresser and P. M. Clarke raided the saloons of N. L'Heureux and J. Bebo, both on Central street, last Friday evening, but the most thorough searching failed to disclose the presence of the least bit of liquor in either place. 2 Dec. 1887.

—The Circle Canadien, in their hall in Memorial building last Sunday evening, listened to several musical selections of a religious character given by the Blanchard family and also to recitations by the children of Joseph Brisette. Remarks for the good of the order were made by J. D. Blanchard and others.

—The markets are well supplied with Christmas poultry, and its quality is very good. Turkeys are selling at 18 cents a pound, which is two cents less than the Thanksgiving price. Chickens likewise sell at 18 cents a pound, and at that price they cannot be otherwise than a profitable farm product. Ducks and geese are in scant supply, as the demand for them is growing less every year.

—Among the relatives of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Luther in attendance at the wedding of their daughter, Helen, last Thursday, were Mrs. Luther's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Emmons of East Douglas, E. S. Nason, wife and daughter Lizzie, of Worcester, C. G. Keyes and wife of Boston and Mrs. Bartlett of Jamaica Plain. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Burnham, daughter, Annie, and son, Warren, of Hampion, Ct., relatives of the groom, were also present.

—The first of a series of addresses by Rev. Joseph Danielson, on the ancient cities of the scriptures, was given at the Congregational church last Sunday evening. Damascus, the oldest existing city in the world, was the subject of last Sunday evening's address. Singing by a male chorus preceded the speaking, as it will at the future meetings. Sunday evening January 1 the pastor will speak on "Babylon, the famous city."

—The purchases of holiday goods by local dealers, this season, was undoubtedly the largest ever made. Excellent skill and taste have been shown in the window displays. The holiday trade set in unusually early, but has continued without interuption through the week. There has been a general disposition on the part of townspeople to trade at home, believing that as good bargains can be found in Southbridge as in the cities. 1 Dec. 1887.

—Last Friday afternoon, it being the closing session of the school for the term, was a merry one for Miss Mary Remington's pupils. For some time they had been engaged in filling a Christmas drawer, arranging it in such manner that each scholar should receive a gift from some other member of the school. The distribution of the gifts took place Friday afternoon, After their own gifts to each other were given out, Santa Claus, in costume, and carrying a basket filled with presents, walked into the room and after his introduction to the pupils, by the teacher, proceeded in a style that kept the scholars in good humor, to make each one a present. It has since been ascertained that the Santa Claus on this occasion was Howard Martin and the gifts were from Miss Remington.

—In their appointment of Miss Grace Hayward to the position of an assistant teacher in the High school, the Springfield school committee have secured a teacher who is in every respect fitted and qualified for the place. 1 Dec. 1887.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Programs Given in Southbridge Churches Last Sunday. 1887

The services in the churches last Sunday were on a more elaborate and extensive scale than ever before, on this the greatest of all Christian festivals. The attendance at the Union chnrch was large at both the morning and evening services. The pastor in the morning preached on "The Incarnation," from Hebrew ii:14; "Since then the children are sharers in flesh and blood." The music was finely given, it being the same as published in the JOURNAL of last week. The Sunday school concert in the evening was interesting alike to the children and the congregation. The subject of the service was: "From the Manger to the Crown." The various parts were taken by the following scholars: John Clark, Carrie Gleason, Lulu Underwood, Jessie Simpson, Jennie Simpson, Cora Keeler, Jennie Searles, Isabella Taylor, Lizzie Searles, Alvah Hyde, Frank Horton, Willie Howland, George Booth, Florence Swindells, Jessie Curtis, Bessie Booth, Ida Howland, Arthur Booth, Blanche Wheeler, Jacobina Taylor, F. G. Blanchard and Carrie Underwood. Singing and the benediction closed the services.

At St. Mary's church the services of the entire day were very largely attended. At the mass beginning at 10.30, the pastor, Rev. James Donahue, preached on the "Incarnation." The sermon was one that had a deep influence on the congregation. The discourse was of deep research and comprehension, The grand yet simple truths of the gospel of Christ were dwelt upon and exemplified. The music was especially fine.

Rev. W. J. Pomfret at the Methodist church preached in the morning from II Corinthians ix:15, "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift." In the evening at 6 o'clock the Sunday school concert was given. The exercises were participated in by a large number of the school, the trite and uninteresting responsive scripture reading so common at present on these occasions being dispensed with. The title of the service was "That Sweet Story of Old." The parts were taken as follows: Anthem by the choir; prayer by the pastor; selections by Mrs. R. E. Marble's class and the choir; recitations by Hattie Adams, Winnie Dandridge, Annie McKinstry, Hayes Brackett, Marion Chase, May Clee, Mabel Gauthier, Sarah Fallows, Charlie Clee, Lizzie Dandridge, Earl Gay and May Dandridge; singing by the school; concert exercises by Ida Armes, Cora Whitney, Effie Densmore, Charlie Clee, Bertie Corey and Harry Rose; reading, Mabel Newell; reading of scripture selections, Mrs. Nellie McKinstry, Lillie Clee and Mrs. Emerson Chase; remarks by the pastor and superintendent. The services closed with singing by the choir and the benediction.

The discourse at Notre Dame church was by Rev. Father Graton. His theme was "The Nativity of Our Saviour." The music was on an elaborate scale and was by the choir, "Les Montagnards" and an orchestra.

In the morning at the Baptist church the pastor, Rev Gorham Easterbrook selected as his text, Luke ii:7, "No room for them in the inn." There was a large attendance both morning and evening. The subject of the concert service was: "From the Manger to the Crown." The platform was edged with an arch with star in keystone and crown above. Placed upon a table in front was a mound of ferns and evergreen which was set with calla blossoms. The program of the concert was as follows: Organ solo, "O Thou That Tellest; anthem by the choir, "I Bring You Good Tidings;" address of welcome, Cheney Wells; prayer by pastor; response by choir; recitations be Nettie Cady, Eddie Marble, Arthur Aldrich, Mabel McIntosh, Dea. Coombs, Betsey Ransom, Minnie Cady, Joseph Cook, Edith Cady, Beryl Oakes, Bertie Cheney, Ella Taylor, Maud Goodier, Mamie Wells, Edith Cheney; responsive reading; singing by school and choir; solo by Augustus Cook; Christmas carol, Mrs. A. B. Goodier's class; class exercise by Dea. Ammidown's class; remarks by pastor; benediction.

At the Congregational church, in the morning, the pastor's theme was "The significance of the event at Bethlehem." The text of the discourse being, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem." The concert service in the evening was, "The Christ Child," a Christmas exercise written by Professor W. F. Sherwin. The recitations in the piece were given by Sadie Cairns, Fannie Danielson and Miss Anna Leonard's infant class.

There was a good attendance at the services at the Universalist church. In the morning the pastor preached a sermon appropriate to the day and the occasion. A mishap to the organ prevented the carrying out of the entire musical program, otherwise the services of the day were of deep interest. The concert in the evening was like all that have preceded it, very successful. The program included an anthem by the choir; service by the school: singing by the school and the little carolers; essay, Miss Ida Plimpton; recitations by Everett Morse, Vannie Edwards, Inez Geer, Ita Morse, Mary Litchfield, Georgie Morse, Lizzie Morse, Bert Morse, Emma Dresser, Joennie Plimpton, Frank Dresser, Mabel Morse, Edna Litchfield, Fannie Gardner, James Plimpton. The concert closed with an anthem by the choir.

Officers Elected.

The annual election of officers of Globe Council, Home Circle, was held in their hall in Union block last Tuesday evening, with the following result: Leader, Charles H. Bigelow; vice leader, Mrs. Carrie E. Alden; instructor, Miss Mary Ellis; past leader, Julius S. Gleason; secretary, Miss Nellie A. Hall; treasurer, W. E. Alden, jr.; guide, Mrs. J. S. Gleason; warden, Miss May Oldham; sentinel, John Barrett; medical examiner, Dr. L. W. Curtis; trustees, B. W. Paton, C. W. Hall, L. Wesley Curtis; representative to the convention of the Grand Council, Charles Bigelow; alternate, Julius S. Gleason. The newly elected officers will be duly installed by district deputy Henry M. Jacobs of Worcester, Tuesday evening, Jan. 10.

G. A. R. Election of Officers.

The annual election of officers of Malcolm Ammidown post, took place in Grand Army hall last Friday evening with the following result: Commander, George W. Corey; senior vice commander, E. T. Morse; junior vice commander, A. F. Luther; quartermaster, C. E. Lombard; chaplain, W. P. Plimpton; surgeon, Dr. P. L. Creedon; officer of the day, Azel Thompson; officer of the guard, A. J. Johnson; trustee for three years, W. E. Horton; delegate to department convention, Calvin Claflin; alternate, F. Jacobs.

The post voted to invite the Woman's Relief Corps to unite with them, and have the recently elected officers of both organizations publicly installed on some evening in January. 2 Dec. 15. 1887.

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Delehanty--McCabe.

John J. Delehanty, one of our youngest and most successful merchants, and Miss Bridget C. McCabe, also of Southbridge, were united in marriage at St. Mary's church last Monday morning at 7 o'clock, Rev. James Donahue officiating. The wedding services were attended by a host of the friends of the contracting parties. The marriage ceremony included a nuptial high mass. Michael and Mary J. Delehanty, brother and sister of the bridegroom, stood up with the happy couple. At the conclusion of the services at the church, a wedding breakfast was given Mr. and Mrs. Delehanty by his mother at her residence on West street. The happy couple left on the 9:40 train for a trip to the White Mountains. They returned Wednesday evening and took possession of the house on High street, recently purchased by Mr. Delehanty of Jacob Booth.

A Chapter of Accidents.

As E. S. Ellis and his hired man were engaged in loading hay in his barn in Charlton last week Thursday, Mr. Ellis received a severe and painful wound in his left hand. Mr. Ellis at the time was pitching the hay from the bay and getting a heavy forkful his man stepped forward, to better assist him, and reaching under with his pitchfork he accidently stuck one of the tines into Mr. Ellis' hand between the third and fourth fingers, tearing the flesh so deeply as to lay bare the knuckle joints. Mr. Ellis is obliged to carry the injured hand in a sling.

Last Saturday morning Mrs. Manning Plimpton narrowly escaped from a violent death near the Main street railroad bridge. While returning from the American Optical Company's works, whither she had carried her son, Alfred M. to his work, she had neared the bridge just as the 7 a m. train was going across. The horse took fright, and turning, threw her from the carriage against the bill boards with such force as to break her right collar bone, considerably bruising her cheek and cutting a gash in the side of her head. She was picked up in an insensible condition and carried to a neighboring house where she was attended by Dr. Bulfinch. Shortly after being carried to the house she recovered consciousness and was taken to her home on the Westville road. She is at present doing finely and no serious consequences are anticipated from her wounds.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

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—A. W. Martin spent last Sunday in town.

—Lendall P. Tower visited in town this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hyde visited relatives in Amherst this week.

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—The JOURNAL from now until the first of year after next for $2 to new subscribers.

—Joseph Pollard of the Mount Hermon school came home to attend the convention.

—Miss Mary Merritt and Miss Eddy are visiting relatives of the latter in Brooklyn, N. Y.

—The family of ex-superintendent of schools Harper, has joined him in Dalton, Ga.

—James Taylor came home from New Jersey and stayed until the close of the convention.

—The cook book published by the ladies of the Universalist society is on sale at W. C. Barnes'.

—Mr. and Mrs. James DeCamp of Englewood, N. J., were the guests of William Ryan this week.

—Mrs. Otis N. Upham and Mrs. George W. Upham left town Wednesday for Marshfield, Wisconsin.

—Mrs. F. Cheney and daughter, Louie, of Seneca Falls, N. Y. visited relatives in town this week.

—Rev. Hugh Montgomery delivers a temperance lecture in the Methodist church this evening.

—There will be a meeting of the Wide Awakes at the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 3:45 p. m. tomorrow.

—New horse sheds are being erected on the site of the old ones on land in rear of the Methodist church.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Newell, who have spent the summer here, have returned to their home in Chicago.

—Otis W. Holmes of Milford, a delegate to the convention, was the guest of Mrs. H. Oldham while in town.

—Tuesday, All Saints day, largely attended services were held in St. Mary's and Notre Dame churches.

—H. A. Hargraves, who has been sick with typhoid fever in Parkesburg, Pennsylvania, has recovered and returned home.

—About thirty of our foreign born residents went to Boston Tuesday, and procured naturalization papers.

—The presence of Edwin Emery of New Bedford, was a welcome one to his former pupils and townsmen the past week.

—F. E. Fuller, formerly in the employ of E. G. Guy has gone to Worcester where he will again work for Mr. Guy.

—The selectmen will receive bids for the excavating and grading of the Town Hall lot until Saturday evening.

—Conductor Joslin's Monday morning train, on which most of the delegates returned home, consisted of five cars.

—Austin L. Parker, proprietor of the Ballow House, Minneapolis, Kansas, is the guest of his brother, J. F. Parker.

—The George A. Hill theatrical company closed a successful run of seven nights at the Edwards opera house, Monday.

—Miss DeWitt, the American Optical Company's stenographer, has left their employ and returned to her home in Oswego, New York.

—Rev. W. J. Pomfret will preach at Sandersdale next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the hour of service having been changed.

—George H. Wade, recently in charge of the electric light station, is to have charge of the construction of the plant at Webster. Nov. 1887.

—Notwithstanding the high local rate of taxation, the collector reports that taxes have been paid more promptly this year than last.

—Miss Mary Ellis gave a public reading in South Sudbury, Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the council of the Home Circle of that town.

—Edwin Dillaber underwent a second amputation of his leg at the Massachusetts General Hospital last Saturday. Reports state his condition as quite unfavorable.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Gunn, former well known residents, but now of Clinton, were in town the past week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. U. Bugbee.

—The amount subscribed by Southbridge people in the convention for the state organization of the Young Men's Christian Association was nearly $500.

—The chrysanthemum is the reigning flower of the hour, and fine large plants in a multitude of varieties are shown in the windows of the houses about town.

—That section of the River street plank walk near Crane street has been removed. The only remaining strip of plank walk on the street is that just west of the bridge.

—The body of Everett D. Douty the eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Douty of Central Village, Ct., was brought to Southbridge and buried last Saturday. He died of scarlet fever.

—The next meeting of the Universalist Social Club will be held next Monday evening at 8 o'clock with Miss Carrie Cheney, Chestnut street. A full attendance of the members is urgently requested.

—Norval Newell who has lived in New Bedford for a number of years past has moved his family back to the old homestead here whither he will come also in a few days.

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—E. F. Dakin has placed in his store a new and handsome showcase.

—The name of the local C. L. S. C. is Mnemosyneuan, and the circle still lives.

—Miss E. Bertha Cheney of Seneca Falls, N. Y., visited relatives in town the past week.

—The Wide Awakes will meet at the Y. M. C. A. rooms tomorrow afternoon at 3.45 o'clock.

—Thomas Mullen has closed his meat market on Pleasant street and gone out of the business.

—The dog tax of Southbridge as shown by the county treasurer's books is $559.80. Damages claimed, $261.60.

—The theme of Rev. J. Danielson's sermon last Sunday morning was, "The Gospel," founded on I Timothy i:11.

—John Halpin, who left Southbridge a few years ago to reside in Dayville, Ct., has removed from that town to East Providence, R. I.

—Rev. Frank Magwire was present at the ordination of Rev. I. A. Priest as pastor of the First Universalist church, Monson, Tuesday evening.

—George H. Wade, formerly in charge of the electric light station, is now in Atlanta, Ga., where he has full charge of the Thomson-Houston plant in that city.

—Rev. Messrs. Hayward and Easterbrook exchanged pulpits last Sunday morning. Mr. Easterbrook's theme at the Union church was "The Spiritual Seed," while Mr. Hayward preached upon "God's Love."

—Dr. H. W. Bond has purchased an electric vibrator, an appliance patented only last October, and used for the painless extraction of teeth. It is a novel invention and appears to be practical. Dec. 1887.

—A plan and perspective of the proposed Y. M. C. A. building has been received by Secretary Monroe from A. B. Jennings, a New York architect. It is the first of three plans ordered to be prepared.

—The Star of Bethlehem is visible, if the sky be clear, at a few minutes before 5 a. m., and only at that time. It appears a little above the eastern horizon, bearing somewhat to the south-east.

—The first farmers' institute of the season, under the management of the Worcester South Agricultural Society, will be held in the Town Hall, Sturbridge, next Tuesday at 10 a. m. Dr. George Austin Bowen of Woodstock will speak on the "Yankee Horse and How to Get Him."

—William Booth is at Grand Rapids, Michigan, whither he started last Saturday on the 3.40 train. He was called there by the death of his brother-in-law, Benjamin Smith, the husband of his oldest sister and who resided here for a short time, twenty years ago.

—Last Friday evening a party of the friends of Miss Genevieve Williams gave her a surprise visit at her home on Marcy street. The festivities of the evening were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music by Misses Carrie and Annie Marble and Bertha Clark and readings by Miss Bertha Cheney of New York.

—Postmaster Oakes has been in Washington this week attending the national convention of postmasters to which he was one of the delegates from Worcester county. During his absence, his assistant, Miss Letcher, and Miss Beryl Oakes have managed affairs at the postoffice.

—Miss Anna E. C. Purdy, class of 1883, of the state normal school at Worcester, has recently received a very flattering offer of a position in San Diego, California. If Miss Purdy's health will permit her to accept, she will carry with her the best wishes of a wide circle of friends. Miss Purdy is now the guest of Miss Etta A. Chamberlin.

—Senator Charles A. Gleason of the Worcester-Hampshire district, and Mrs. Gleason were in town last Saturday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Hyde. He is the chairman of the joint committee of the legislature on education, of which Representative Haggerty is a member. During his stay in town he inspected, in company with Mr. Haggerty, the warming and ventilating apparatus in the School street school house. The senator commented favorably on the neat and enterprising appearance of Southbridge.

—Tho new engine of the Southbridge Electric Company was placed in position last Sunday. A Boston engineer was expected Saturday night, but not arriving Messrs. Robinson and I. P. Hyde with a force of men took the matter in charge and succeeded in taking out the old engine and setting the new one in time to get everything in readiness for the evening's lighting and thus escaped without a break, as it was at first feared there would be. The new engine, like the old one, is an Armington & Sims make, but is ten horse power larger. During the present week the lights on all circuits have been stronger than it was possible for the engine removed to furnish, on account of its being overloaded.

—The lecture by Corporal James Tanner, the second in the G. A. R. course, which will be given in Dresser opera house next Monday evening, will undoubtedly be one of the best entertainments of the entire season. The speaker has an interesting personal history. At the second battle of Bull Run he was so badly wounded in his legs as to necessitate the amputation of both. Since then he has fought the battle of life with brilliant success, having won an enviable fame as an orator. His presentation of the story of a soldier's life, both "grave and gay" is said to be intensely entertaining, and all should avail themselves of the opportunity thus presented to hear it. The proceeds of the lecture above expenses will be added to the relief fund of the local G. A. R. post.

—Edwin Dillaber's illness of more than a year's duration terminated in his death at the Massachusetts General Hospital last Monday morning. The primary stage of Mr. Dillaber's illness was caused by a piece of coal falling from his wagon and striking his knee. Although the injury at the time was very painful, he continued about his work for some days thereafter, when his knee commenced to swell and became so sore that he gave up work and placed himself under a physician's care. His injury grew worse as the time passed on, until it became so severe that an amputation of the leg was decided upon, and for this purpose he was taken to the hospital and the amputation was performed. Returning home he suffered greatly from his amputated leg which did not heal but continued to grow worse until a second amputation was decided upon, and for this purpose he was again taken to the hospital, about two months ago, and underwent the operation. As the sequel proved his physical strength was not equal to the emergency and he gradually failed until the end came. His funeral was held from the Union church Wednesday at 11 a. m., Rev. S. Hayward officiating.

Y. W. C. T. U.

Contributed.

We take pleasure in announcing to our members and friends that by the courtesy of the G. A. R. we have secured rooms for our use this season. Our first social in the new appartments will be held next Tuesday evening, Dec. 20. Business meeting at 7.30 sharp. Interesting papers on state work will be read. Social reception at 8.30. Gentlemen and lady members are invited. Ladies will please renew membership. Don't forget the prayer-meeting Thursday, at 4 p. m. in the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

SOUTHBRIDGE. 1887.

—Mrs. C. H. Bigelow is visiting friends in Willimantic, Conn.

—Mrs. J. S. Gleason is the guest of relatives in Salem, her former home.

—The first full-grown frost of the season occurred last Saturday morning.

—Mrs. H. B. Dresser is ill with a severe attack of nervous prostration.

—George Hoyle, the shoemaker, is a cousin of the late Lilla Hoyle of Webster.

—Mrs. Harrison Conant of Worcester is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whittemore.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

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—N. T. Hurlbut is having a new business sign painted and expects to place it in position next week.

—The Guilds of Worcester, will play the local base ball team tomorrow at 3.30 p.m. A lively game may be expected.

—Edward Newell, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, will deliver a lecture on "Natural Gas" before Globe council, Home Circle, some time in September.

—A correspondent writes us suggesting that it would be well to have a few photographs of the old Town Hall building taken before it is torn down. It would be an excellent idea.

—A basket of peaches, excelling in size and beauty anything of the kind we have seen of late, was exhibited in one of the show windows of E. C. Ellis' store last Saturday. They were brought from Providence by Walter Metcalf.

—Fred L. Holmes has growing in his garden a Mikado tomato plant, trained on a trellis, which has attained a hight of seven feet. It is estimated that the tomatoes now on it would fill a bushel basket. Altogether it is an unusually rank growth for a tomato plant.

—Several weeks ago the agricultural editor of the JOURNAL penned the following paragraph:

It is many years since pastures were in such good condition at this time of the year as they are at present.

Since its appearance in the JOURNAL it has swung around the circle, having again made its appearance in Southbridge last week.

—While workmen were engaged in raising the smoke stack of the Southbridge Electric Company's building Wednesday the derrick gave way and down went the stack. But little damage was done. Yesterday the stack was raised without a mishap.

—The item to the effect that "J. W. Home of Berlin has been chosen principal of the Southbridge High school at a salary of $1,100," which has been travelling around the county papers lately is news to the school committee. Southboro is probably meant.

—The N. Y. & N. E. railroad excursion to Boston and Nantasket yesterday was quite well patronized by people on the branch. There would undoubtedly have been a still greater number of excursionists had the date of the excursion been known here in season for more thorough advertising to be done.

—Rev. W. J. Pomfret of Southbridge preached a very able and interesting sermon last Sunday, from the text, "But Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come." * * * The discourse was attentively listened to by a large audience.—*Spencer Bulletin.*

—Potatoes are retailing at 90 cents a bushel, apples are plenty, when we remember that this is the odd year, and retail from 20 to 25 cents a peck; peaches are in light receipt and of rather poor quality, and our dealers are hard hearted enough to ask 15 cents a quart for them. Pears are coming in quite freely. Clapp's Favorites sell at 50 cents a peck.

—Mrs. C. V. Carpenter is sojourning for a while in Geneva, N. Y. Aug. 1887.

—Dr. and Mrs. McGregory start tomorrow on a trip to Kennebunk, Me.

The Town Hall Muddle.

Aug. 1887.

An important session of the High school-Town Hall building committee was held at the office of Sylvester Dresser, Wednesday afternoon. The proposals for the demolition of the present Town Hall were acted upon. A. Desaulriers was, in consideration of $50 and the old lumber, awarded the contract for taking down the building. Room for the storage of the fixtures in the school room and hall has been leased of Mr. Desaulriers, and it is the present intention of the school committee to proceed at once with the discharge of the work delegated to them by the town.

The following notice of injunction was served Wednesday noon on Sylvester Dresser, chairman of the building committee:

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS. Aug. 24, 1887.

To Sylvester Dresser, William D. Morse and others, Town Hall and High School Building Committee.

Gentlemen:—You are hereby notified that a bill in equity signed by ten taxable inhabitants of this town praying for an injunction to restrain you from contracting for taking down or from disposing of any of the material of the old Town Hall Building according to your published notice for proposals, has been this day filed in court at Worcester, and will be pressed to a final determination.

You will proceed at your peril, if you go forth in attempting to make any contract or to expend money or to contract debts against the town in regard to the construction of a new Town Hall and High School Building, the vote under which you are presuming to act being illegal and void.

Respectfully &c.

(signed) A. J. BARTHOLOMEW.
Solicitor for the petitioners.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Aug. *Contributed.* 26. 1887.

The association at Everett, has just held an enthusiastic meeting to mature plans for erecting an association building.

Young men's meeting from 8 to 9 o'clock Monday evening, to which all men are cordially invited. Topic: "A backslider brings others into danger also," Jonah i:1-19.

Monthly business meeting of the association on Monday evening. Young men desiring to become members of the organization are invited to send in their applications.

Base Ball.

The Boston league club will play the local nine on the home grounds Saturday, October 15.

The Canada Hill nine went to Webster last Saturday and crossed bats with the Atlantics of that place. The latter club won by a score of 13 to 10.

The Greys of the Globe played the Sandersdale nine last Saturday. At the end of the ninth inning the score stood 17 to 12 in favor of the Sandersdale team.

Haley, pitcher of the Southbridge nine, has made a record up to Aug. 18th of 45 at bat, 15 runs, 21 hits, 7 stolen bases, 17 put outs, 103 assists and 14 errors. He struck out 92, and gave 10 men a base on balls.

—Miss Maggie Tully is visiting relatives in Seneca Falls, N. Y. Aug. 1887.

—Mrs F. M. Marble is at her former home, Colchester, Ct.

—Mrs. C. E. Wilson has returned from her visit to New York.

—Mrs. Lavina Albee, widow of the late John Albee and the mother of Mrs. Caroline E. Dealing, was ninety-seven years old Wednesday. About eighteen months ago, while passing from one room to another at her home on High street, she fell and received a broken hip. Since then she has been bedridden, but her mind is perfectly clear, and her sight and hearing are but little impaired. Her late husband was in the war of 1812, and she received a pension. Mrs. Albee has been a resident of Southbridge for fifty years. 2 Dec. 1887.

—The public library has received Poore's Railroad Manual, from 1873 to 1877, and 1881 to 1885 inclusive, together with Poore's Dictionary of Railway Officials and Directors. Also a copy of "Resumption and the Silver Question" by Henry V. Poore. The manuals give full information as to the number of miles owned or leased by each road, its capital, indebtedness, and running expenses, and are especially valuable to investors and persons studying the political economy of railroading. They were presented by the publishers, H. V. & H. W. Poore of New York. 1 Dec. 1887.

Phoenix Council, Royal Arcanum.

Phœnix Council, Royal Arcanum, elected officers for the ensuing year, last Thursday evening, as follows: Regent, Andrew B. Goodier; vice-regent, Henry H. French; orator, John M. Cochran; past regent, George G. Bulfinch; secretary, Henry B. Dresser; treasurer, Edwin T. Morse; collector, Charles W. Johnson; chaplin, Adoniram J. Coombs; guide, Edgar A. Brown; warden, A. Jerome Johnson; sentry, Frank J. Converse; trustees, John M. Cochran, Frank C. Litchfield, James A. King; medical examiner, Dr. George G. Bulfinch; representative to grand council, Charles V. Carpenter; George G. Bulfinch, alternate. The regent appointed as the finance committee, Charles V. Carpenter, Marcus M. Marble, G. Clarence Winter. 1887.

After the election of officers the business of the meeting assumed an informal nature. A collation was served, followed by exercises of a literary character. H. B. Dresser read an original poem, in which were introduced the officers of the council. J. A. King recited a comic piece in Dutch dialect, entitled "Skating under Sail;" and Messrs. Cochran, Bulfinch, Coombs, Winter and French spoke for the good of the order.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the first stated meeting of the council, which will be Tuesday evening, Jan. 12. Several applications for membership were received at the last meeting and the order is in a most flourishing condition.

—People who have both the foresight and the money are getting in their supply of coal, and as a consequence our dealers in the article are busy. Prices for coal are said to be lower in Southbridge than in Worcester or Webster. In each of those places Franklin sells for $8.50, stove $7.00, while chestnut is sold in Worcester for $8.00 and in Webster at $6.50. Egg sells at $6.75 in Worcester and 25 cents a ton less in Webster. By reading our market report it will be seen that prices are from 25 to 35 cents a ton less in Southbridge than above prices. 1887.

—Joseph Bourke is in town from New York for a two weeks' stay. Aug. 1887.

—John Ryan of the firm of J. & T. Ryan has been drawn as juryman.

—Miss Inez E. Baylis has been visiting in Franklin the past week.

—B. S. Farrington of Woonsocket, visited relatives in town the past week.

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SOUTHBRIDGE.

In summer's hot meridian hour—
Just like "birds of a feather"—
The picnic and the thunder shower
Are always found together.

—George Perry is having his residence on South street repainted.

—Henry C. Cady has purchased for his daughter, Edith, a superb Miller square-grand piano.

—The annual camp meeting at Douglas opens July 27; excursion tickets are now on sale at this station.

—A night blooming cactus, with flowers of unusual size, was an attraction at Mrs. John Tatterson's last Sunday evening.

—Edwin Dillaber is in a very weakened physical condition, and suffers greatly from the wounds caused by the amputation of his leg.

—In our next weeks issue we shall publish an article of interest to the members of the local lodge of Odd Fellows.

—The overseers of the poor have purchased of G. L. Clemence a six-can Mosely & Stoddard creamery to be used at the town farm.

—Malcolm Ammidown Post, G. A. R., at a meeting held in their hall last Friday evening, voted unanimously in favor of pensioning all soldiers.

—J. F. Parker & Son have purchased another pair of grey horses which now gives them a team of four grey horses to put on their busses.

—Special Officer Breen has charge of the sidewalks in the vicinity of Union and Gothic Hall blocks, and he fulfills the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the community.

—Miss Julia S. Smith, assistant librarian, is spending her vacation in the town of Orleans on Cape Cod. She is domiciled with the family of W. B. Cooke, formerly of Southbridge.

—T. A. Kennedy, in charge of the advertising brigade of Miller, Stowe & Freeman's circus, visited the JOURNAL office this week, and besides other orders left one for a large number of posters for the Woonsocket show.

—Rev. James Dingwell of Danielsonville, Ct., is to preach at the Congregational church next Sunday on exchange with Rev. Mr. Danielson. There will be a praise and preaching service in the evening at 6 o'clock.

—Charles Hanson has been in Boston the present week, grading a lot of Kentucky wool, recently purchased by the Hamilton Woolen Company. John Hanson assumed charge of the wool room during his father's absence.

—Rev. Thomas Snell Smith, missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. in Ceylon, will speak at the E. F. church next Sunday morning. His native assistant, Yusethasan, in native costume, will address the young people of the same church in the evening, singing hymns in his own tongue, etc.

—The young people of the Union church held their third social last week Thursday evening. The program consisted of reading, Miss Lillie Hall; solo, Miss Alden; reading, H. W. Weld; duett. Sadie, Bugbee, John Taylor; reading, H. Bigelow; solo, Ida Varner.

—Dr. W. S. Richardson of Marlboro and C. A. Snell of Southbridge enjoyed a weeks outing at Alum pond, Fiskdale, beginning with the Fourth; they were visited during the week by friends from Brookfield, Southbridge and Sturbridge, entertaining a party on the evening of the Fourth by fireworks of an hour's duration.

—This Friday morning at 9 o'clock, a solemn requiem high mass will be said at St. Mary's church in commemoration of the first anniversary of the death of Rev. Father Kremmen. Rev. Father Quan of Webster will be the celebrant; Rev. Father Scannel of Worcester, Deacon; Rev. Father Boylan of Oxford, Sub-Deacon; and Rev. Father Purcell of Webster, Master of Ceremonies.

—M. D. Flannery was arraigned before Judge Jilson last Friday, charged on two counts, for maintaining a liquor nuisance. On the first count he was fined $100 and costs, on the second $200 and costs with three months imprisonment. He appealed and was held in $1100 for his appearance at the next term of the Superior court at Fitchburg. He failed to obtain the requisite bail in Southbridge, but after reaching Worcester with Deputy-Sheriff Jacobs he found the desired help, and was released.

—We are always glad to learn of the success of persons whose start in life was made in Southbridge, and we print with pleasure the following from last week's *Saturday Evening Express* of Boston:

"Dr. Haven has sold his beautiful residence on the corner of Commonwealth avenue and Exeter street, to Dr. M. L. Chamberlain of Copley square. Dr. Chamberlain is forced to seek larger and more luxurious accommodations for his professional work. It is said that few physicians in the city can boast a larger or better character of practice than that which he enjoys. He has attained his position in the remarkably short period of eight or nine years.

—Mrs. Frank Randall is visiting friends in Chepachet, R. I.

—Another town meeting, and eleven articles in the warrant.

—John Ryan is slowly gaining strength after his long illness. Oct. 6. 1887.

—Miss Lizzie McKinstry has recovered from quite a severe illness.

—The Y. M. C. A. boy's meeting will be held at the rooms Sunday at 3 p. m.

—Mrs. Sarah Brainerd, the mother of Otis and M. L. Brainerd, died Wednesday night. She was 66 years old.

—W. S. Fitts has been so sick during the past week as to cause considerable anxiety as to his recovery. He is reported as being a trifle better.

—N. E. Putney has been appointed keeper of the town clock in place of Joseph Stewart resigned. Mr. Putney assumed his new duties October first.

Oct. Missionary Service. 1887.

Next Sunday morning a missionary service, under the direction of two of the Jesuit Fathers of Boston, will commence at St. Mary's church and continue two weeks. Services will be held each day at 8 and 10:30 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m. A sermon will be preached each evening.

Y. W. C. T. U.

Oct. *Contributed.* 1887

Remember the Thursday afternoon prayer meeting next week. Subject "Following Christ." Business meeting at 5.

The committee hereby express their thanks for services rendered at the social Tuesday evening.

Oct. 6 The Electric Light. 1887

The electric lights in the stores and places of business about town were given a trial lighting last Thursday evening and on Saturday evening were started up on the entire commercial circuit. The light gives excellent satisfaction so far and new lights are being placed in position every day. The Southbridge plant is one of the best in the state and the facilities for lighting are excellent.

Oct. The T. A. Society Fair. 1887

The fair of the St. Mary's T. A. Society was continued Monday evening, instead of closing on Saturday night as advertised. The stormy weather of the previous evenings of the fair greatly lessened the probable receipts of the entertainment. On each evening of the fair a pleasing and varied program was given. The voting for the cane and gloves created considerable interest among the spectators. F. H. Marble, overseer of the steel room in the American Optical Company's works, received the largest number of votes as being the most popular foreman, and Thomas Murphy was voted the most popular ball player. He was given the catcher's gloves.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Oct. 6. *Contributed.* 1887.

"The future depends on the present" is the topic for the young men's meeting next Monday evening, to which all men are cordially invited, Read Gal. vi:1-10.

This committee has been appointed to serve with the ladies auxiliary committee: Misses Carrie Cheney, Edith Bartholomew, Minnie Cady, Sadie Bugbee, May Oldham, Alice Booth, Carrie Marble, Josie Carpenter, Helen Luther, Emma Williams, Mary Olds, Mrs. S. C. McKinstry.

The devotional committee will meet at the rooms Sunday at 3 o'clock.

Every committee man is requested to be present at the rooms next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. A meeting at that hour will be held for the purpose of arranging matters for the coming state convention.

A Relic of Muster Times.

A cannon ball, evidently fired from a six pounder, was found imbedded in a log at J. M. & L. D. Clemence's mill a few days ago. The ball was imbedded in the log to the depth of four inches, nearly in its center, and about six feet from the ground. The tree's growth since being struck by the ball had completely covered it, there being not the slightest indication of its presence until it was struck by the saw. Fortunately for the Messrs Clemence the saw in use at the time had inserted teeth and thus was not materially damaged; had it been a solid toothed one it would have been ruined. The fact that the tree from which the log was taken grew on the "sand bank lot" furnishes a probable solution as to the time and manner in which the ball found its resting place in the tree. Seventy-odd years ago militia musters were held on the old Baptist common, then a triangular piece of land running from where the Baptist church now stands to the present Main street railroad bridge. At these musters the customary target for the artillery was the sand bank on the opposite side of the river, a probable miscalculated elevation of the gun sent this ball above the target and into the tree that proved its long and secure hiding place. Sept. 29 1887

—Arthur S. Plimpton of Brooklyn, N. Y. was the guest of relatives in town the past week. Sept. 29, 1887.

—John Roberts of Boston was the guest of his brother, C. L. Roberts, the past week.

—There will be a Wide Awake meeting tomorrow afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 4 o'clock.

—Dr. Everett A. Towne, formerly of Southbridge, is now a practicing physician in Waterbury, Conn.

—As has been his custom for a number of years, G. W. Faulkner had a victualing tent at the Barre fair this week.

—W. F. Hanks and assistant who have been canvassing for a directory of Southbridge expect to finish their work tonight.

—It is expected that the electric arc lights in the various places of business in town will be lighted Saturday evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Burnham of Hartford, Ct., were the guests of her sister, Mrs Edgar M. Phillips, the present week.

—Architect Cutting of Worcester was in town today looking over the Town Hall lot and conferring with the building committee.

—The many friends and acquantances of Miss R. B. Paige, W. E. Alden & Co's. milliner, will be pleased to learn that she returns to Southbridge, Saturday.

—Mrs. John Tatterson, who has been ill for the past two weeks, has so far recovered as to undertake a journey to the White mountains, whither she starts today.

—William O'Halloran is one of the committee of arrangements for the grand celebration and field day of the A. O. H. in Worcester, Saturday.

—Division 12, A. O. H., will attend the celebration of the order in Worcester, Saturday. Tickets for the round trip will be sold at the station for $1.

—Daniel B. P. Fuller and Christopher Spratt, compositors on the *Provideuce Telegram* were callers at the JOURNAL office, Monday.

—Ferdinand Ryan sent to the JOURNAL office yesterday a monster "King of Tompkins county" apple that raised the beam at seventeen and a quarter ounces

—Secretary Monroe has received a positive assurance from Ira D. Sankey that he will attend the convention of the Y. M. C. A. in Southbridge next month.

—John P. Pratt, wife and family of Milford were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowker, the current week. Mrs. Pratt was formerly Miss Fannie Bowker of Southbridge.

—F. W. Botham, formerly of this town, but more recently of Boston, was here last Friday on his way to Cleveland, Ohio, where he designs to permanently locate.

—A feature of the local fruit market the past week has been a supply of California grapes of the Tokay variety, from which the raisins of that state are made.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Booth returned from their wedding tour last Saturday evening. While away they visited Geneva, N. Y., Niagara Falls and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

—Miss Mary Grady, a well known resident of Southbridge twenty years ago, since then of Manchester, N. H., died in that city Tuesday. Her body was brought to Southbridge Wednesday for burial.

—Contractor Deslauriers has finished cleaning the bricks that were in the old Town Hall building. There are 69,000 of them, 19,000 more than the estimated number before counting. Sept. 1887.

—Daniel H. Towne of Springfield has been the guest of Sylvester Dresser this week. Mr. Towne was a resident of Southbridge twenty years ago and was engaged in business here.

—The Q. S. C. had a social dance in their hall in Alden's block last Saturday evening, which was largely attended. Music was furnished by the Canal street orchestra, Joseph Suprenant, leader.

—People who have not picked their grapes and pears will do well to look out for theives. A number of thefts of this kind have been reported lately, two gentlemen living on Dresser street losing considerable fruit.

—Sunday services in Pratt's neighborhood are now held as follows: Sunday school at 5.45 p. m.; preaching at 7 p. m. Rev. William O. Hale of Worcester will preach next Sunday evening.

—E. W. Shumway of the Worcester *Gazette* and W. T. Billings of the Boston *Herald* dropped in at the JOURNAL office Tuesday. They have been working on the Lilla Hoyle case at Webster the past week.

—At the Union church last Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. S. Hayward, preached from Pslam cxxxxvii:13; "For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates." The theme of the discourse was the recent centennial of the national constitution and the present duties of American citizenship.

—Last Sunday morning Rev. William Sewall of Charlton preached at the Congregational church in exchange with Rev. J. Danielson. Mr. Sewall's sermon, from Daniel i:8, "But Daniel purposed in his heart," was an interesting and instructive discourse.

—The committee appointed at the recent Republican caucus to make arrangements for the forming of a Republican club in Southbridge will report their plans at a public meeting to be held in Dresser small hall next Tuesday evening. All Republicans are requested to be present.

—Cranberries, grown in the vicinity towns, are quite plentiful, and of a superior quality. In color, size and flavor, they compare favorably with the Cape Cod production. For a prime article the producer gets about three dollars a bushel, which sum, we should say, leaves him a good margin over the cost of their production.

—That great nursery of noxious weeds and wild flowers, the New England country road side, is just now embellished with the wild aster and golden rod. The profuseness of these two plants, this season, is phenomenal, and then too the golden rod has been in blossom so long. For nearly two months it has been in bloom and as yet shows little signs of decadence.

—At the exhibition of the Worcester Northwest Agricultural Society in Athol last week "Barber Boy" won the three-year-old and the four-year-old colt races in stralght heats. Time, 3 minutes. The 2.50 race was won by C. M. Perry's "Almont Ledo" Time, 2.42. In the 2.40 race "Wonder" won in straight heats. Best time, 2.43. "Jack Shepard" was the winner of the open to all race in straight heats. Best time, 2.30 1-2. All of the above mentioned horses were at the recent Sturbridge fair.

SOUTHBRIDGE. July 15. 1887.

—Services in Pratt's neighborhood at 5 p. m. next Sunday as usual.

—The East St. Louis Beef Company are filling their refrigerator with ice again.

—The Hamilton Woolen Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent.

—W. S. Fitts, the veteran delivery clerk for J. S. Gleason, now rides in a newly painted wagon.

—The Wide Awakes will hold their next meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

—District Deputy William Davis, paid an official visit to Globe Council Home Circle, Tuesday evening.

—A son of Nelson Senecal, about nine years old, caught his hand in a planer at Clemence's box shop, Saturday, badly cutting four fingers on one hand. The injury was dressed and the boy is doing well.

—The Southbridge horribles on the 4th had a capital representation of a horse car. Next year when Oxford celebrates, there will probably be a procession of street lights, trimmed and burning.—*Oxford Mid-Weekly.*

—The terrific gust of wind which preceeded the rain storm last Sunday afternoon blew down the walnut tree east of George Wald's shop. The tree in its fall tore off a portion of the eve of the building.

—Parties in town who have in good faith been mistaking the evening star Venus, the Hesperus of the ancients, which now illumines the western sky, for one of Edison's New Jersey electric balloons, are being laughed at for their gullibility.

—The young ladies of the Y. W. C. T. U. extend thanks to all who assisted in making the recent lawn party a success. The floral mission sent a large box of flowers to the children of the Orphan's Home at Worcester last week.

—Mrs. George W. Wells, recently obtained two articles of considerable antiquity. One of these, a pair of knit linen stockings are more than one hundred years old. They are still in an excellent state of preservation and furnish an example of our great grandmother's skill in plying the needle. The other article mentioned is a pair of old andirons also in good order. These were presented to the mother of Mrs. Wells by her father, the late Capt. Joel Cheney, on her wedding day.

Personal. July 15, 1887.

—J. H. Valdivia is spending the week in New York.

—H. P. Colburn spent a portion of this week in Clinton.

—S. C. Hirschberg of St. Louis was in town this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell Hobbs are at Kennebunkport, Me.

—George F. Wall of Worcester was in town Wednesday.

—G. W. Faulkner is taking a week's vacation in New York.

—George W. Freeman is spending his vacation in Plainfield, Conn.

—James Flynn leaves town today for a visit to a sister in Norwood.

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—Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Strickland of Amherst are visiting relatives in town. July 1887.

—Earnest Chandler is the present bass singer in the Union church choir.

—Mrs. Franklin Cady has been very sick the past week but is at present better.

—Mrs. John Tatterson leaves Wednesday morning for a fortnight's stay at Nahant.

—Marcus Dillaber witnessed the Boston-Detroit games Wednesday and yesterday.

—M. B. Phillips jr. of Brooklyn, N. Y. was the guest of relatives in town, this week.

—Mrs. Florence Crosby and son, Willie, of Woburn, are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Allen.

—Rev Father Burnette of St. Theese college, was the guest of Rev. Father Brochu this week.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

Aug. 26. 1887.

Every picnicker hates,
With a hatred intense,
The man who put up
The barbed-wire fence.

—Letter sheet envelopes have been placed on sale at the post-office.

—Services will be resumed in the Congregational church next Sunday.

—Mrs. Liberty Lyon received a slight shock of paralysis Wednesday.

—The opening of the public schools has been deferred until September 6, one week,

—The Baptist church vestry has recently undergone a thorough cleaning and repairing.

—The Union church Sunday school contemplate having a picnic soon at the Webster lake.

—One hundred and eighteen excursion tickets were sold at the station yesterday morning.

—Workmen have retaced the abutments of the Main street railroad bridge the present week.

—Just fifty of the Morse family went to Walker pond last Friday and held a family picnic.

—Mrs. David Vinton died Wednesday after a short illness. She was in her 79th year.

—Mrs. L. D. Clemence has a collection of double hollyhocks in flower that attract much attention.

—The late rains have raised McKinstry brook to a size not frequently seen, even on the opening of spring.

—Only an occasional field of corn in Southbridge received permanent injury by last week's rain and wind.

—W. P. Plimpton will next week have a desk in the Adams Express Company's office, where orders may be left for wood.

—John Keogh succeeds Mr. Smith as watchman at the station. He previously held the same position for three and a half years.

—Two hundred and fifty-five members of the Union church society attended the services at their church last Sunday morning.

—The culvert crossing Main street near its junction with Hamilton street, at the Globe, has been enlarged and rebuilt during the past week.

—The floral anchor filled exclusively with crimson coleus, on H. C. Well's lawn, is one of the most striking pieces of floral work ever seen in town.

—There have been several cases of dog poisoning in town lately. A valuable spaniel belonging to C. E. Wilson was poisoned last week,

—Services will be held in Pratt's neighborhood next Sunday at 5 p. m. Sunday school at 4 o'clock. Rev. Silvanus Hayward will preach.

—Auctioneer Clarke sells tomorrow at 2 p. m., at the residence of P. H. Kelly, corner of Main and Union streets, all of his household goods and furniture.

—A. P. Benway is having an auction sale of dress goods, jewelry, underwear, hosiery, etc., at the store of the late Alexander Senecal on North street.

—A son of George Bartlett while at the house of his aunt, Mrs. Learned, Wednesday, got one of his toes caught in a steel trap that had been set for rats.

—A young man named Martin, while rowing on the river below the Optical company's works last Sunday, was drawn over the old dam and narrowly escaped drowning.

—Among the guests at the C. A. Dresser house the present week are Mr. and Mrs. Madigan of Providence, William Beecher of Boston, Mrs. M. P. Marks of Ware and S. H. Hartshorn of Boston.

—Rev. Nathan D. George, a former pastor of the Methodist church, now of Oakdale, and 80 years old, has received the honorary degree of D. D. from Boker University, Kansas.

—M. M. Marble has had in his market the past week a pumpkin that was raised by Lewis O. Thompson in 1886. It was not in the least bit shriveled, and its color was bright and clear.

—Forest and fruit trees have grown to an exceptional extent this season. We were shown, recently, a young elm, raised from seed planted three years ago this fall, that has increased its height seven feet this year. The tree has an unusual number of branches, for one so young, and a dozen of these showed a growth exceeding five feet. The tree four inches from the ground is eight inches in circumference.

—Dr. Curtis has a crop of ensilage corn growing on the same field where he has raised such enormous crops for several seasons past. Owing to the excessive rains, the growth this year is smaller than heretofore, yet a person unfamiliar with the size of previous crops would call the present growth something wonderful. Last week's storm beat it down so badly that it will probably have to be cut soon.

—W. C. Lewis on his recent return from Minneapolis, brought a boy's express wagon that was made by Eugene Cross, formerly of Southbridge. The running gear is made entirely of steel. The wagon is painted in the most artistic manner, and the entire work reflects great credit on its maker. It was a present from Mr. Cross to Cady Lewis, whose name is painted on the tail-board of the wagon.

—Mrs. Farnham with her granddaug Miss Emma Dresser, and Mrs. Spurr are Oakland Beach. July 1887.

—J. E. Ellis, clerk in W. H. Clarke's, has been with relatives in Windsor, Vt., the present week.

—Joseph and Miss Addie A. Button of Colchester, Ct., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Marble.

—Mary J. Delehanty a member of St. Joseph's seminary, Hartford, is at her home for the summer vacation.

—Allan W. Campbell of Providence has been visiting relatives in town He returned to his home this morning.

—A brother of Rev. Father Brochu, who is a theological student in a Canadian college, is spending his vacation in town.

—Miss Rosa Letcher is taking a fortnights vacation. Miss Beryl Oakes takes her position in the postoffice during her absence.

—J. C. F. Wheelock took a carriage drive to Mendon, where his family is sojourning for the present, last Saturday, returning Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Wilbur, former residents, with their two children, were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cheney, the present week.

—Mrs. H. L. Hunt and son Harry of Willimantic, Conn. and Misses Bessie and Gertrude Rice of Scranton, Penn., are visiting at C. H. Bigelow's.

—E. M. Cook and family, Miss Mary Freeman and Miss Bertha Freeman have returned from a two weeks visit in Plainfield, Conn., with their sister, Mrs. F. H. Fairman.

—Miss Dell Marcy of Burlington Flats N. Y., visited relatives and friends in Southbridge the past week. Miss Marcy has the reputation of an accomplished musician, and while in town she pleased her friends by her artistic execution of a number of extremely difficult pieces of music. July 1887.

Spec Shop Notes. July 1887.

Miss DeWitt of Oswego, N. Y. is now employed as stenographer in the office.

H. P. and A. W. Tiffany with their families held a picnic Thursday at Walker pond.

Miss Lizzie Greiner of the truing room leaves for her home in Scranton, Penn., Monday.

The main belt broke Saturday and created considerable excitement by crashing through a window.

M. L. Dillaber and William Northrope are in Boston and witnessed the ball games between the Detroits and Bostons.

Pitt Herbert, for over five years a faithfull and efficient office boy is taking two weeks vacation. He will visit Brunswick, Me., and other places before returning.

C. D. Rose and George W. Cady took a trip Tuesday on their bicycles through the Woodstocks, visiting Black pond and covering over twenty miles in a few hours.

Y. M. C. A. Notes. July 1887

The state convention will be held in Southbridge in October.

The *Windham County Standard* has been added to the reading room supplies.

Young men's meeting at the rooms next Monday evening from 8 to 9 o'clock. Topic: "Things worthy of serious thought," Phil. iv:8, 9; Col. iii:2-10. A cordial invitation is extended to all men.

The reception committee passed Tuesday evening very pleasantly at the home of C. D. Monroe. A portion of the time was spent in telling over matters of interest in connection with their part of association work, and the balance of the evening was given to sociability, interspersed with cake and ice cream.

THE NEW BANK BUILDING.

The Finest Business Block on Main Street.

July. — 1887.

Description of the rooms now occupied by the Southbridge National and the Southbridge Savings Banks.—Historical Sketch.

Next to its religious and educational interests the strength, prosperity and development of a nation lies in its financial policy. No matter how rich and diversified a country's advantages and resources may be, they count for little if the means for their development and utilization are absent. The management of the monetary affairs of a people calls for the wisest and ablest statesmanship. Financial ability is generally rated as of the highest type of man's talents. The marvellous growth of this country and the amazing development of its material resources during the past quarter century is due wholly to the financial system of 1861. Its adoption enabled the government to carry on and triumph in a war the magnitude of which exceeded that of any other conflict known in history. No other nation ever existed, before or since, that could have withstood the enormous drains made on its resources as was made upon the government during the rebellion. For more than a quarter of a century prior to the breaking out of the rebellion, we were a republic only in name. An oligarchy composed principally of slave-holders dictated the policy of the national government. This oligarchy cared nothing for the interest of the people, and less for the development of our natural resources. Hence our great material prosperity and growth has been accomplished, almost entirely since 1861.

Southbridge, in common with other New England towns, has shared in this general prosperity. Just what part or measure its banking companies have had in this growth cannot be stated, but perhaps, we are within bounds in saying they have been the main spring of local business movements of the past thirty years. The history of the banks in Southbridge is one of continual success and increase of business. Their management has always been wise, judicious and safe. No wild speculations or bucket shop investments have been made. The policy of the banks has been conservative. Investments have been made in those sureties that promised a safe and sure, even if small income, while those schemes, plethoric with promises of giving something for little or nothing, have been discarded. The first monetary institution in Southbridge was incorporated under the state laws March 31, 1836, with a capital stock of $100,000. The par value of the stock was $100 per share. There were 95 original stock-holders. The company organized June 1, 1836, and chose the following board of directors: Samuel A. Hitchcock, the then resident agent of the Globe company's works in town, and afterwards an honored citizen of Brimfield, in which town he died at an advanced age; Moses Plimpton, one of the builders of the Columbian cotton mill and a man of marked influence at that time in the affairs of the town; Ebenezer D. Ammidown, one of the most prominent names in the annals of the town. He was a man of great business talent and enterprise, serving terms in both branches of the legislature; Linus Child, who but a few years previous had removed to Southbridge and commenced the practice of law, which he continued until his removal to Lowell in 1845 to become the agent of the Boott cotton mills; Larkin Ammidown, at the time of the incorporation of the bank a large land owner in that part of the town, now known as Sandersdale; Holmes Ammidown, whose name is too well known to need further mention; Bela Tiffany, a retired merchant. He resided in the house now owned by Mrs. Manning Leonard; Chester Clemence, the agent of the Merino Manufacturing Company of Dudley, and a man of fine business acquirements; John M. Warren, operator and owner of an extensive tannery in Brimfield. He was an intimate, personal friend of S. A. Hitchcock; John Seabury, then a practicing physician in town; William Beecher, at present, we believe, the only survivor of the original board of directors. He is still a resident of Southbridge, but spends most of his time in Boston; Theodore Field, Jr., at that time was the woolen dyer at the Globe mills. He did not reside in Southbridge many years.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors Samuel A Hitchcock was chosen president and Samuel M. Lane, cashier. In 1842 the number of directors was reduced from twelve to seven. Among the subsequent directors of the bank was John P. Stedman; Samuel A. Hitchcock served as president until November, 1852, when he resigned; Jacob Edwards was chosen as the successor of Mr. Hitchcock and continued in the office until 1862, when he resigned and was succeeded by Samuel M. Lane as president. Mr. Lane had served as the cashier of the corporation from the time it first commenced business until his election as president. His son, Henry D. Lane, then became cashier.

By an act of the legislature of 1854, the bank increased its capital stock $50,000. April 1, 1864, the bank was converted into a National Banking association, its capital stock remaining $150,000.

Mr. Lane continued as president until 1869, when he resigned and Jacob Edwards again became president, and so continues to this date.

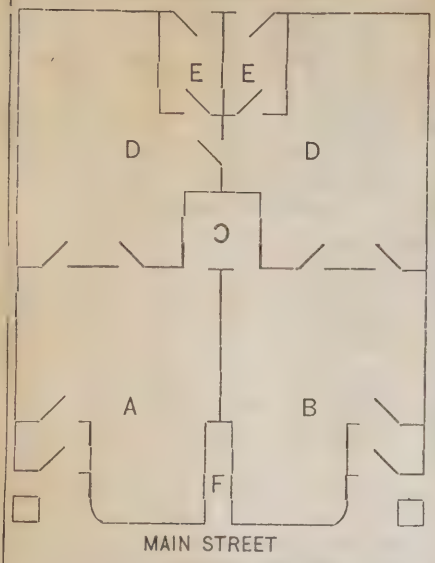
In March, 1865, F. L. Chapin entered the bank as assistant cashier. Henry D. Lane resigned the cashiership in 1867 and Mr. Chapin was chosen his successor, and has continued as such since that date. The bank has been exceedingly prosperous during the past twenty years. At the beginning of the fiscal year 1865, the surplus fund amounted to only $5,000, today it exceeds $50,000. The Southbridge Savings Bank was incorporated in 1848. Its first president was Ebenezer D. Ammidown. He resigned in 1849, and the late Dr. Samuel Hartwell was elected to the office, a position he held until his death.

The business of the corporations having increased to such an extent that the room in the old bank building was inadequate for its transaction, they decided in May, 1886, to erect the building of which they have just taken possession.

The beautiful exterior of the new bank building has been admired for months, and this week we present a cut of the structure, which, we have no hesitation in saying, is one of the handsomest and best appointed buildings of the kind to be found anywhere in New England. Of the exterior of the building it is not necessary for us to speak in detail at this time, for the public are familiar with its handsome front and fine proportions. The building is three stories in height with front of red brick and rich trimmings of Longmeadow stone. In the centre of the ground floor in front, is the entrance to the upper floors.

The easterly side of the building is occupied by the Southbridge National Bank and the westerly side by the Southbridge Savings Bank. The great plate glass windows, comprising the front of the banking rooms, five feet high and ten feet long reveal to the passer-by the elegance of the room, in part, but it is not until one passes through the heavy oaken doors and stands within the rooms that it can be realized in full. The room occupied by the National Bank is 25x37 feet, finished in cherry with a wainscot around the four sides of the room. The beautifully decorated walls and ceiling finished in texture work, the handsomely finished solid counters, bevel glass mirror and elegant furniture, combine to make as beautiful an effect as fancy can create.

THE BANKING ROOMS.



A, National Bank; B, Savings Bank; C, Vault; D D, Directors' Rooms; E E, Lavatories and Closets; F, Stairway leading from street.

The handsome counter divides the room very nearly in the centre, running lengthwise. It has windows of beveled glass and wrought brass gratings. A brick fire place, surmounted by a mantel of tasty design and a handsome plate glass mirror adds much to the general appearance of the room.

The vault is at the south end of the room and at the right of the counter. It is built in the most substantial manner by the Damon Safe Co. of Boston. The steel shell alone weighs 20 tons, and is surrounded by a brick wall two feet thick. A time lock on the outer door and double combination locks on the inner doors and interior safes are of the most improved pattern. There are twenty safe deposit boxes in the vault, and also pigeon holes, drawers and racks for books and papers.

Opening out of the main banking room is the directors' room 18x25 feet and furnished also in cherry. Lavatories and closets fitted with every convenience lead out of this room. The door knobs, butts and other hardware on the doors of the lower floor are of oxydized silver. A hydrostatic letter press is a convenience which needs to be used to be appreciated. The rooms are splendidly lighted by large side windows.

The rooms occupied by the savings bank are duplicate of those occupied by the national bank and the two sets of rooms can be thrown together by means of sliding doors. The building is lighted by gas and heated by steam. There is a 30 horse power boiler in the basement. An electrical aparatus in the vestibule controls the lighting of the building and makes it possible for one to light all the rooms by simply touching a knob.

OTHER PORTIONS OF THE BUILDING.

A broad and easy stairway leads from the doors on Main street to the second story, which is divided into a large hallway and eight offices. The two front offices are fitted with fire places and mantels, and the others of various sizes are all well lighted and especially adapted for business affices. The third story is occupied by Southbridge Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the rooms are elegantly furnished and tastefully decorated, the fresco work and wood finish being especially noticeable. A main audience room, small halls and a room which can be used as a kitchen, affords ample accommodations.

The basement of the building is roomy and very convenient for storage. It is to be cemented throughout.

The tiling in front of the entrances is of Georgia marble with rose colored border.

WHO DID THE WORK.

The architects were Richmond & Seabury of Springfield. The carpenter work was done by John P. Cheney, the stone and brick work by Calvin Claflin, and the painting by A. Farland. The plumbing was done by George L. Winter and the roof slating by A. Deslauriers. L. Haberstroh & Son., of Boston were the decorators. The steam heating apparatus was furnished by Washburn, Garfield & Co., of Worcester. T. M. Walker & Co., of Springfield furnished the wood work, counters and mantels. Smith & Co., of Boston furnished the desks, chairs and other furniture. The door hardware and trimmings were made expressly for the building by P. & F. Corbin of New Britian, Conn.

BIOGRAPHICAL BRIEFS.

Francis L. Chapin, cashier of the national bank, is a native of Ware. In 1864 he enlisted as a private in the 60th Massachusetts regiment, was promoted to sergeant and received his discharge on the expiration of his term of service as a second lieutenant. In March, 1865, he removed to Southbridge. Entering the bank as a clerk he was, on reaching his majority, appointed assistant cashier. In January 1867 Henry D. Lane who had served as cashier of the bank since 1862 resigned, and Mr. Chapin was appointed in his place. Thus he is now in the twenty-first year of continuous service. Aside from his invaluable services to the bank, Mr. Chapin has done much for the business growth and general prosperity of the town. When Chapin street was laid out he became one of the principal owners of the land along the side street. In company with A. J. Bartholomew he purchased the Glover farm and laid out Glover street, and the extensions of High and Sayles streets besides building nearly all of the residences on those streets. Later on with C. D. Paige he bought and improved the H. W. Bacon property which includes Chapin street extension. Mr. Chapin was the first treasurer of the Southbridge Paper Company and also the first treasurer of the Mutual Gaslight Company. Last spring he received his 20th consecutive election to the office of treasurer for the town of Southbridge. In 1884 he represented the old 13th Worcester representative district in the legislature where he served on the committee on finance.

Charles D. Monroe, treasurer of the savings bank, came to Southbridge from Leicester and has been connected with the bank for ten years. He is now serving the eighth year in his present position. Mr. Monroe was one of the founders of the Y. M. C. A. in Southbridge, and to him more than to any other one man it owes its present live and prosperous condition. He has recently completed a fine residence on Chapin street where he dispenses a generous hospitality to all his friends.

F. W. Eaton, assistant cashier of the national bank, like Mr. Chapin, came from Ware. He has been a resident of Southbridge for about fifteen years, all of which time has been spent in the bank. In 1878 he married Miss Fanny Ammidown of Southbridge. He has served for several years on the board of auditors, but at the last annual election declined further service. A few years ago he bought the James Sanders property on Main street where he now resides.

E. Arthur Wells, the acting assistant treasurer of the savings bank, is from South Woodstock and the son of L. J. Wells, a well known farmer of that place. He has been connected with the bank for three years.

The officers of the national bank are: President. Jacob Edwards; vice-president, R. H. Cole; directors, F. L. Chapin, C. A. Paige, J. O. McKinstry, C. D. Paige, G. W. Wells.

Following are the officers of the savings bank: President, R. H. Cole; vice-presidents, C. A. Paige, S. Dresser and C. A. Dresser; trustees, L. Phelps, J. O. McKinstry, C. A. Dresser, S. Dresser, C. A. Paige, Dr. L. W. Curtis, A. J. Bartholomew, C. V. Carpenter, S. Williams, J. Booth, H. C. Wells, F. L. Chapin, G. W. Wells, C. D. Paige, J. M. Cochran, F. W. Eaton.

Southbridge Savings Bank.

(Continued from last week.)

The Southbridge Savings Bank was incorporated in 1848, twelve years after the founding of the Southbridge (now the National) bank. Among its incorporators were a number of men who were prominent in securing the charter of the latter, and who, likewise, were officers of that institution.

Forty years ago Southbridge was especially fortunate in having its material interests in the hands of a class of men then in the full vigor of a strong and early manhood. These citizens laid the foundation of that business growth and prosperity that has since so signally marked our history. Their wisdom and tact was shown in establishing the savings bank in town whose continuous existence has been the means of aiding multitudes in securing homes of their own, in creating habits of thrift and economy in others; and also aiding very materially in developing the business interests of Southbridge. Ebenezer D. Ammidown, the Nestor of the business men in town at this date, was chosen its first president. He held the office but a short time, resigning in 1849. In 1850, Dr. Samuel Hartwell, then not only a physician of wide repute, but also prominent in the industrial, educational and political affairs of county and town, was chosen president. On each recurring year of the period of time from 1850 to 1874, in which later year he died, Dr. Hartwell received from his associates a re-election to the office of president. It was an honor worthily bestowed, and redounded to the strength, influence and prosperity of the institution. On the organization of the bank in 1848, Manning Leonard was elected its first secretary, and he received an annual re-election until his death July 31, 1885. Mr. Leonard was a man who acted from reflection and not from impulse; he was a man of studious habits and of enlightened culture, traits the possession of which make a safe and stable business man. The first treasurer of the bank was Samuel M. Lane, then also the cashier of the Southbridge bank. Mr. Lane continued in the office of treasurer until his resignation in 1880, a period of thirty-two years. He afterwards served as assistant treasurer until his death in November, 1886. Aside from the three whose names we have mentioned, others of the leading men of the town have taken a prominent part in the administration of its affairs. Samuel L. Fiske, at one time the agent of the Hamilton Woolen Company, was one of its founders; John P. Stedman, in its early history became identified with its affairs and on the death of Samuel Hartwell in 1874, succeeded to the presidency. Mr. Stedman held this office until 1880 when he resigned, and was succeeded by the present incumbent, Robert H. Cole.

Of other names conspicuous in the annals of the bank, we find John Edwards, John O. McKinstry, John Comins, Samuel Newell, Henry Clark, Chester A. Dresser, Sylvester Dresser, Calvin A. Paige, Andrew J. Bartholomew, Samuel C. Hartwell, Liberty Phelps, Erastus Winslow of Charlton and numerous others. Under the wise and judicious administration of its affairs the bank has grown to be one of the largest in the commonwealth.

On January 1, 1849, the amount of deposits was $4,200, and in the succeeding year they increased but $2,400. January 1, 1859, the close of the first decade of the bank's history, the amount of the deposits was $111,800; at the close of the second decade, 1869, the amount of deposits had increased to $447,400, which amount was deposited by 1,681 persons. The confidence of the people in the bank is strikingly illustrated by the amount deposited in 1861, the most trying year of the nation's financial history. While everything was shrouded in doubt and uncertainty in the country at large, the inhabitants of Southbridge and vicinity town's showed their faith in the bank's solvency and trust in the fidelity of its officers by increasing the amount of their deposits $31,000, over that of the previous year. In 1862, the increase of deposits was only $9,600, but in 1863 the increase was $35,300.

In 1866 the increase in the amount of deposits was $53,200, an average of over $1000 per week. In 1859 $59,500 were added to the deposits. For the ten years ending in 1875 the amount of deposits increased from $275,600 to $792,992, an average exceeding $51,000 a year. The amount of deposits on the first inst. was 1,313,619.32, an increase of $520,616 since 1875. While the increase in the amount of deposits in Saving's banks has been general since 1861, yet the growth of the bank in Southbridge has indeed been, phenominal. Its deposits aggregate about $300,000 more than the Spencer and Webster banks combined. Nearly half a million dollars more than the Palmer Savings bank nearly the same amount in excess of the Milford Savings bank and within a small amount of as much, as the Millbury, Brookfield and North Brookfield banks together.

The total number of accounts open July 1, was 3,420. The amount of undivided profits is $39,806. Guaranty fund $30,000. The bank has just declaired its regular semi-annual dividend, payable on and after July 20.

The business of both banks was transacted in the old bank building, owned by the National bank corporation. The rooms in this building proving inadequate for its increasing business the corporation decided in May 1886 to build a new block. To this end they purchased the real estate of the National bank and an additional piece of land adjoining, of the Manning Leonard estate and erected the building of which they have just taken possession. The building committee consisted of F. L. Chapin, G. W. Wells and S. Dresser who have supervised the entire structure.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cole and Alfred Cole are sojourning at Nantucket.

—Edward Upham of Mansfield, Wis., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Otis N. Upham.

—H. J. Tatterson of Boston is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tatterson.

—Misses Carrie and Martha Paige of Boston are the guests of Miss Rebecca Rowley. Aug. 1887.

—Mrs. Horace Eaton and son of Providence, are the guests of her father, Joseph Corey.

—Elmer Boulton, Thomas Ryan and Willie Claflin are camping out at Mashapaug. Aug. 1887.

—Lewis Mountain and William H. Searles have been granted an increase of pension.

—Miss Lillie O. Bigelow of Webster is stopping with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bartlett.

—Mrs. James Taylor and son Thomas leave today for a visit to Mr. Taylor in New Jersey. Aug. 1887.

—William Hardenber is the guest of his brother-in-law, Nathan Tirrill, at East Weymouth.

—Mrs. Fred Waite and children of Providence, R. I., are the guests of her sister, Mrs. H. C. Cady.

—Misses Mamie and Annie O'Hara left town last Saturday for a vacation trip to Boston and vicinity.

—Homer Allen, wife and son of Westfield, were the guests of his aunt, Mrs. M. J. Underwood this week.

—W. H. Clark and family spent Sunday at Pomfret Landing, Conn., making the trip by carriage. Aug. 1887.

—Miss Jennie Clemence, Masters George Clemence and Harry Hardenber are the guests of relatives in Weymouth.

—A. W. Paton is away on his vacation, which includes visits to points on Providence river, Newport and Fall River,

—Mrs B. F. Warner, daughter and granddaughter of Springfield, are the guests of F. E. Randall and mother.

—Rev. James Donahue took part in the exercises of laying the corner stone of the Polish church in Webster last Sunday.

—Mrs. Rose Olds, Misses Lizzie and Clara Hefner, Mary and Maggie Dunn and Nellie Reiley are at Camp White, Providence river. Aug. 1887.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dresser are at the White Mountains, from whence they will journey to Saratoga, where they stay until September.

—William Conover and daughter Ada of Englishtown, N. J., Abel Childs and daughter Nellie of Woodstock, Ct., and Luther M. Keith of Putnam, Ct. were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Keith the past week, Aug. 1887.

—The following are among the recent arrivals at the C. A. Dresser House: Miss G. White of Boston, Miss M. H. Barrett of Ashburnham, and a former resident, Miss M. H. Bliss of Springfield, the guest of her brother, F. H. Bliss, Miss Helen F. Davis of Lowell, the guest of Superintendent and Mrs. Clark. Aug. 1887.

—Misses Beryl and Florice Oakes, Bertha King and Carrie Hill have returned from a two week's sojourn at City Point, South Boston. They were the guests of Mrs. W. C, Stedman, and with boating, bathing and excursions to points in the vicinity, they report a fine time. The jolly party return well browned by the sea breezes. Aug. 1887.

Visit to Coat Island.

The Southbridge boys, now in camp on Goat Island, Webster lake, were visited Wednesday by a party of their friends, which included Mrs. H. W. Bacon, jr. Mrs. J. H. Troacy, Misses Hattie Cutler, May Perkins, Lillie Perkins, Ada Morris, Edith Hagar and Charles Marble. A sumptuous fish dinner, interlarded with all the essential requirements was served. The party speak in glowing terms of their visit to the camp.

Sept. 27.

Natural Gas. 1887.

The following report of the lecture delivered before Globe Council, Home Circle, at its last meeting was crowded out last week: by Edward Newell.

The pleasant and cosey hall of Globe Council, in Union block, was filled to its full capacity Tuesday evening, 20th inst., by the members of the council and their invited friends, who had assembled to listen to the lecture on "Natural Gas," by E. W. Newell of Pittsburgh, Penn. Mr. Newell is a native of Southbridge. He went to Pittsburgh a few years ago and has since resided there. Living in the place where natural gas was first utilized to any extent, and being in a position to study, his subject in its every form and phase the lecturer is fully able to handle it in a clear, intelligible and comprehensive manner. Withal the subject is one of great interest and this, coupled with the speaker's easy manner and style of delivery, made the lecture above the average in excellence. After a few preliminary remarks the speaker said: "From a thousand deep wells in Western Pennsylvania there issues a strange vapor, possessing little odor, no color, only one-half the weight of air, and instantly bursting into flame when fire is applied to it. It comes from a greater depth in the earth than any coal mine in that region has yet gone. A few of the wells are over 3000 feet deep, but 1500 is the average depth. A person going westward over the Pennsylvania railroad will notice at intervals, after crossing the Alleghenv mountains, tall flames rising apparently from the ground and lighting the country for miles around. These beacons can be seen as you approach Pittsburgh from any direction, and until recently, certain portions of the city were lighted by large vertical pipes that burned from the highlands that surround the city.

Among the important developments of the present century, natural gas is clearly entitled to a conspicuous place. Its utilization for fuel and the phenomenal success which has attended its general introduction and use in Pittsburgh and vicinity, in the manufacture of iron, steel and glass; and for domestic and other purposes marks a new era in economics and presents to similar industries in other localities a very serious question in the economy of production. It has so cheapened and improved in quality these products of manufacture, that with coal for fuel, successful competition is out of the question. The advantages which natural gas thus gives Pittsburgh has alreadv brought to it a wonderful prosperity.

For many years natural gas has been known to exist in vast areas at widely separated points, but not until recently has its practical use become general. Because of the abundance of bituminous coal, which lies in inexhaustable beds in the immediate vicinity of Pittsburgh, the development of this gas has been left to the ordinary course of events. By its use in the iron and glass works of the city it was found that an even fire could be burned and an even pressure maintained without injury to the boilers, and in warming houses any desired temperature could be maintained. One advantage succeeded another, each new use followed another, until today the people of Pittsburgh wonder how they ever got along without it. In Pittsburgh as recently as 1884, it was a matter of experiment, with but one company piping it into the city. There are today six companies in the place, managing more than 100 wells and supplying gas through more than 500 miles of pipes, of which about one-half are in the

city proper. The capacity of these wells is estimated at more than 250,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day. One company supplies more than 400 manufactories and 7000 dwellings with all the fuel they consume. The city's supply of gas is piped into it from a district 20 miles away. There are many wonderful things about this gas. If you place your hand in it as it rushes from the well you will find it of an icy coldness. Ice has been known to form at the top of the well in warm weather. The average temperature is 45° above zero.

In order to drill these gas wells, high wooden derricks are erected, and a great steel drill worked by steam slowly but surely cuts its way through soft earth and flinty rock until the "gas sand" is reached. This "gas sand" is a coarse sandstone so porous that it holds gas. An iron pipe is driven through the soft earth until it reaches the rock which is about 100 feet down. The drills complete weigh about 4000 pounds. The length of the pieces composing the drill is 35 feet. They rise and fall five feet turning constantly so as to bring the bit in contact with the entire circumference of the hole. An eight inch hole is generally bored to the depth of 500 feet and a five and five-eighths inch casing put down to shut off the waste. The hole is continued six inches in diameter until the gas is struck when a four inch pipe is put down. From 40 to 60 days are required in drilling a well, and the cost is from $3,500 to $6,000, according to depth." The speaker continuing, gave the cost of heating houses with natural gas, its value and power as an illuminator and many other interesting facts relating to it.

Southbridge Retail Market, June 24. 1887.

GROCERIES.

Butter per lb	28	Oil, whale gal	$1 00
Broma per lb	50	winter sperm,	1 50
Chocolate per lb	45	signal, per gal	1 00
Cocoa per lb	38	Kerosene	14
Cocoa & shells lb	30	Oat meal per lb	4a6
Shells, best	6	Sugar, cut loaf pr lb	
Coffee raw lb	24	powdered,	8
ground lb	10a35	granul,	7
Cheese per lb	16	coffee,	6
Cider vineg'r gal	25	brown,	5½
Corn starch per lb	10	Saleratus,	8
Eggs per dozen,	21	Starch, per lb	9a10
Honey per lb	25	Syrup, per gal	50
Lard per lb	10 a—	Tea, black, lb	35a65
Molasses per gal	40a 60	green, lb	35a65
Raisins, per lb	14	Japan, lb	35a60

FLOUR, GRAIN AND FEED.

Buckwheatflour, lb.	4	Meal, Yellow	1 15
Corn, per bush,	65	Middlings, per cwt	1 20
Fine feed, per cwt.	1.15	Oats, per bush.	50
Flour Haxall	6.00	Provender, pr bag,	1.20
St. Louis,	5.50	Rye, per bush.,	95
Com. extra,		Rye meal, per lb.,	03
Graham, per lb,	4	Shorts per cwt,	1.00
Indian meal, bolted,	2½		

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES,

Apples, per pk	35	Potatoes, per bush	75
Beets, per bu	75	Sweet potatoes, lb	
Beans, per peck,	60	Squashes, per lb	
Cranberries, pr qt	12	Turnips, per lb	2
Cabbages, pr lb		Onions, per qt.	5
Canada peas, pk	45	Lettuce.	5
Radishes,	10	Cucumbers, each	6
Asparagus, bunch	15	Spinach, per peck	25
Cowslips, per peck	20	Dandelions, peck	25

MEATS.

Beef, roasts per lb.	12a25	Lamb fore qrs	
Loin steak	25	Lamb hind qrs	
Rump steak	25	Lamb chops	
Round steak	16 a 18	Mutton fore qrs	10
Corned beef	6 a 14	Mutton hind qrs	12
Dried beef	20 a 28	Veal	8 a 25
Ham	12 a 25	Pork ribs	12
Tongues	16	Pork chops	13
Tripe	8 a 10	Pork salt	12
Sausage	12	Chickens	18 a 20
Liver	10	Fowls	16 a 20

BASE BALL.

A Queer Game With a Somerville Team. Aug. 1887

One of the largest audiences of the season assembled on the home grounds last Saturday to see the Unas of Somerville and the local nine play ball. By some means the people about here had got the impression that the visitors were a famous club, but they turned out to be the worst apology for a nine that ever visited Southbridge. There was not a redeeming feature in their entire playing. The opinion of people in general is that the board of directors should not have paid them a picayune for coming here, as such a course would have been an invitation to other like teams to go "round" when they attempt to come to Southbridge. Hardly any two members of the visiting club were were dressed in the same style of uniform. Dacey wore a high buttoned, straight cut sack coat, throughout the game. In the first inniugs of the game as he came to bat, some one in the crowd would cry out, "take off your coat," but not withstanding the earnestness and frequency of the invitation he declined. The crowd were at first amused by the playing of the Somervilles, but after awhile they became so disgusted with the game that many left the grounds before it was half finished. The worst feature of the whole affair is that they received $40 for playing here.

Last Saturday the Greys played a picked nine at Sandersdale, defeating them by a score of 32 to 4.

The Millburys and Foxes of Fisherville played a big game in Fisherville last Saturday. Lamory's pitching was the feature of the game. He struck out five men. gave no men bases on balls, and the Foxes were only able to get five scattering hits. The defeat was the second of the season for the Foxes, who have won ten successive games.

The Canadian and Sandersdale clubs will play ball on the home grounds tomorrow.

Cricket Notes.

The Worcester City Cricket club failed to put in appearance here last Saturday. The Worcester *Telegram* of that date has the following:

The Worcester City vs. Southbridge cricket game at Southbridge this afternoon, has been given up, as the City club is unable to get a team together. Several members of the club, including three bowlers, have arranged to attend some excursion. This game was agreed upon sometime ago, and the Southbridge club had advertised it by newspapers and posters. If cricketers care so little for their engagements to play, as to give them up for every excursion which comes, it will be of little use to try to maintain clubs in the city. The Southbridges have been doing good work this season, and if the Worcester players would be willing to deny themselves a little and put in some solid work, a series of very interesting games might be had by next season.

A letter was received Wednesday by the secretary of the Southbridge club from the secretary of the Worcester Citys stating that as they could get but six men together, they thought best not to come down. It is not probable that another game can be arranged for this season, as the dates of the Worcester team are filled.

J. W. Ellam, secretary of the Southbridge team, has received a note from the secretary of the Worcester Citys, asking that the Southbridges send a representative to play with a picked eleven against the Longwoods in Worcester tomorrow. It is not probable that a man will be sent.

The Southbridge eleven will play the Clintons on the grounds of the South Worcesters tomorrow afternoon.

Town Warrant.

1887

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the town of Southbridge, in the county of Worcester.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Edwards Opera House in said Southbridge, on TUESDAY, the 8th day of November, next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said month, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes for the following named officers: A Governor, a Lieutenant Governor, a Treasurer and Receiver General, a Secretary of the Commonwealth, for an Auditor of Accounts, an Attorney General, a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District: Also for the following named officers of the County of Worcester, aforesaid, to wit: A County Commissioner and a Commissioner of Insolvency to fill vacancy now existing caused by the resignation of Charles Field; Also for a Senator for the Third Worcester Senatorial District, and for one Representative to the General Court for the Seventh Worcester Representative District. The names of all said Candidates to be voted for upon one ballot; Also then and there to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to authorize the School Committee to establish temporarily evening schools in each village for the purpose of instructing minors unable to read and write, as requested by law. To raise and appropriate money therefor and act anything thereon.

Article 3. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow the following sums of money and give the notes of the town therefor payable from taxes of 1888, as raised and appropriated Oct. 17, 1887, by vote of the town, $3800 for Contingent Schools, $1000 for Highways, or act thereon.

Article 4. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to transfer from the account of unappropriated funds $198.89 to the credit of Edwards street extension $154.62 to the credit of Robert street, $150 to the credit of Sidewalks, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to establish one additional Electric Light on Hamilton Street at the steps leading to the Depot, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act anything in reference to Electric Lights.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to pay A. W. Olds the sum of four hundred dollars in addition to the sum of $950.00 paid him for land damages and barn taken for the construction of Chapin Street.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to pay Lorenzo Morton $200.00 in addition to the award allowed by the Selectmen for the moving of his house on Benefit Street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to accept the Selectmen's Report filed with the Town Clerk, locating and laying out main Drains or Common Sewers in Central Village according to plans and specifications filed with the report and forming a part of the same.

Article 9. To see if the town will determine what part of the expense of constructing the sewers referred to in Article eighth (8) of this Warrant shall be paid by the town, or act thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for constructing the Sewers laid out, or act thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the completion of Crystal Street, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the Southbridge JOURNAL and the Southbridge *Herald* the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting, — or by posting up such attested copies in four conspicuous public places within the Town, at least nine days, including Sundays,— before the day of holding said meeting. The polls will be open at 9 o'clock, A. M., and close at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place hereinbefore named.

Given under our hands this 26th day of October A. D., 1887.

A. H. WHEELER,
W. D. MORSE,
GEO. L. CLEMENCE,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy attest.

. S. DRESSER, Constable of Southbridge.

REPORT

Aug. 19. OF THE 1887.

Committee on Sewerage,

INCLUDING

Reports of Engineers Sawyer, Allen and Moore.

At the recent town meeting the following report of the committee on sewerage was ordered to be printed:

At a town meeting held on May 31, 1887, it was

Voted, That the sum of $150 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of obtaining expert testimony in relation to a system of sewerage for the Town of Southbridge, and that the committee who should have charge of disbursal and management of this matter should consist of existing Board of Health, together with two persons to be appointed by the moderator.

The moderator appointed on this committee Sylvester Dresser and William C. Barnes. This committee therefore comprising five members, met and organized June 4, 1887, with the choice of William C. Barnes as chairman and G. G. Bulfinch secretary.

This committee have performed the duty assigned them, having ever in view the best interests of the town, having no hobby of their own to ride, but desiring that the town should have the best advice obtainable with a due regard to economy and the experiencies of the case and hereby present the following report:

At the first meeting of the committee it was voted to call as an expert on the subject of sewerage, Joseph B. Sawyer of Manchester, N. H., now acting as civil engineer of that city, whose previous acquaintance with the town and its waterways would entitle him to consideration upon any such subject as the present one. This gentleman arrived in town June 13, 1887, and spent the day looking over the town and its outlets in company with the committee in order to form an opinion as to how the various watersheds could be used and how a system of sewerage could be initiated, having in view a relief of both Globe and Center Villages.

There was also a careful inspection made of Central Brook so-called, from beginning to end and notice taken of its foul condition. Particular attention was paid to its point of discharge into the river as was also to the river itself in reference to best methods and places for discharge of sewage. After consultation with the committee he was requested to make a report giving his opinion as to what was necessary to be done and what would afford the best method of initiating a system of sewerage, which from draining a part of the town, can from time to time be added to until a complete system is attained.

I herewith submit his report:

To Wm. C. Barnes, Esq., Chairman of the Committee on Sewerage, Southbridge, Mass.

After such examination of the village as I have been able to make without instrumental measurements, and after due study of the problem as it has thus presented itself for consideration, I have arrived at the following conclusions:

First.—That a covered conduit or sewer should be built for Central brook. The brook is already a nuisance, and it will inevitably grow worse as long as it is left to run in an open trench. I know of no instance in which a closely built village has succeeded in maintaining a clean and wholesome, or even a decent brook running in an open channel under and amongst its buildings and through its back yards. The thing may be possible, but abundant experience has shown it to be impracticable.

Second.—This conduit should, for the present, take the brook at the point where it crosses Chapin street, and should conduct it by the cheapest and most feasible route to the river.

It will necessarily be much larger and more expensive than any other sewer of equal length. It will therefore not be economical to divert it from its most direct course with a view to making it serve for sewering any particular street or neighborhood. The shortest route will give the best descent, and thus allow the smaller conduit. It would be manifestly improper and wasteful to make the conduit follow the present crooked course of the brook. Such a course would be of unnecessary length, and would involve the removal of the stonework of the old culvert, and even of parts of the foundations of expensive buildings.

Third.—The best course for the conduit is the one pointed out by Mr. Moore and adopted by the Board of Selectmen in their report dated ——— —— 1884, following Chapin street to Main street, thence crossing Main street and following the passageway to the brook, thence by the present course of the brook to the river. This would of course involve the laying out of a sewerway, or else of a highway across private property Probably it would be advantageous, both to the public and to the property affected, to lay out a highway from Main street to Hook street, or else from Main street to a point just south of the railroad, and thence turning to the right and coming out into Central street.

Fourth.—This conduit or sewer would be the outlet into which most of the small branch sewers draining the streets and houses would discharge. Where it crosses Main street it would receive a branch coming down that street from the northwest. At the same point it would have another branch extending in the opposite direction as far as to the top of the rising ground near Foster street. This last branch would itself have a branch in Elm street reaching to or beyond the Town Hall.

From the end of the large sewer in Chapin street a smaller one would run southwesterly up that street.

In a few years the growth of the town up the valley of the brook will require the laying of other branches for which a large sewer will form a convenient outlet.

A sewer from Hamilton street should be led down Hook street to the main drain.

Fifth.—This arrangement would, as before stated, discharge the sewage of the village into the river at the present outlet of the brook. In times of high water this would be entirely unobjectionable. Any other disposal of the sewage of such times would require you either to keep it separate from the storm water by building two sets of sewers, or else to extend the large main line to some point further down the river.

But when the storm waters have run off, the stream from the main sewer will become small and filthy, and it will probably be better to conduct further away.

This can be done by tapping the large sewer at or near Hook street in such a way that the small stream which it contains will be drawn into a small sewer crossing Central street, running down North street, crossing under the canal and emptying into the river at a point in the rear of the works of the American Optical Company. This will furnish the outlet for draining the village which has recently grown up near the optical works, and which must soon be furnished with sewerage. It will also furnish an outlet for a sewer in Foster street, or between Foster street and Central street.

Sixth.—The dirty water being thus in a great measure withdrawn from that part of the brook below Hook street, and as there will be no water running there except in times of freshets, that part of the channel, including the penstock over the canal, may be left for a few years in its present condition. It may finally be led under the canal or it may be diverted into the lower part of Central street so as to cross the canal on the Central street culvert, and be led thence to the river at the abutment of the bridge.

Seventh.—It has been suggested that the main sewer might be turned southwesterly at the corner of Main and Chapin streets, following Main street to Central street and thence down Central street to the river. This course would have the advantage of lying all the way in streets already laid out, but making, as it does, a zig-zag somewhat more crooked than two right angles, it would be some 200 feet longer than the route above recommended. It is accordant with reason, and therefore with sound engineering practice, to lay the main drains in the lowest practicable places, that is, along the lines of natural water courses. Where this is done the lateral branches and house drains will fall readily and cheaply into the main, every locality will be easily drained, and the grades will usually be the best obtainable. Central street being, for most of its length, on the top of a ledgy ridge, is not a favorable place for a main drain. This route being longer and crooked, as above stated and requiring more excavation, and that of a more costly description, is in my judgement not so good as the one laid out by the selectmen.

I have thus outlined the general features of the plan which is in my judgment the best. Many of the details will necessarily depend upon the result of surveys which have not yet been made, but which should be made before reliable estimates can be given, and before the work can be intelligently and properly commenced.

JOSEPH B. SAWYER, Civil Engineer.

Manchester, N. H., June 16, 1887.

On June 14, 1887, Charles Allen, civil engineer of Worcester, Mass., was with the committee in consultation. This gentleman has devoted much time to the subject of sewerage, having recently been sent abroad by the city of Worcester to investigate foreign methods of sewering and also disposal of sewerage by irrigation and chemical processes. After a careful examination of the town, this gentleman has submitted a report which I herewith present:

WORCESTER, June 17, 1887.

To the Special Drainage Committee of the Town of Southbridge.

Gentlemen:—Having been asked by you to give my opinion as to the best method of sewering that portion of your town lying within the water-shed of the brook, running through the Central Village, I have made a careful examination, not only of the ground in the immediate neighborhood of the brook, but also of the entire water-shed of the stream.

From this examination, and also from such facts as I have been able to gather from members of your Committee and others, I am of the opinion,

First.—That the brook should be carried through the town in a brick conduit, oval in form, and of proper size to carry the maximum flow of the stream and of the lateral sewers to be connected therewith.

Second.—That the conduit should intercept the brook where it now crosses Chapin street, and should then be constructed through said street to Main street, thence

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following the most available route in the immediate neighborhood of the present channel, and empty into the river at, or near, the present outlet.

Third.—The lateral sewers connecting with the conduit should be located so as to drain to the best advantage the estates adjacent thereto. They should not be constructed until a survey of the drainage area under consideration has been made, and the entire system planned.

Then every sewer that is constructed should conform to the plan.

If objection is made to emptying sewage into the river at the point mentioned above, provision should be made for taking the dry-weather flow of the brook, (together with such sewage as may, from time to time be discharged into it) through North Street, in a sewer of sufficient size for the purpose, said sewer to discharge its contents into the river at such a point as the State Board of Health may designate.

This sewer should also be of sufficient size to take the drainage of all the territory that will be likely to be brought to this point. In other words, its size should not be determined until after a careful survey has been made, for the purpose of designing a complete system of sewers for the town, so that whenever a sewer is constructed in any other locality, a comprehensive plan can be followed.

My opinion has not been asked as to the best method of sewering the entire town, but I can see no reason why, if the sewers in the District under consideration, are properly designed and constructed, they cannot be made a part of the entire system, whenever that is finally decided upon.

If you should decide to construct the conduit for the brook as recommended above, the old channel should be filled, thus entirely doing away with the alleged nuisance.

In answer to your enquiry as to whether, in my opinion, it will be necessary to enclose the brook, whether a system of sewers is constructed or not, I would say that in my opinion, the town will find, that in any event it will be necessary to do so, through the thickly settled portion of the village, as the flow of the stream, (judging from the extent of the water-shed, and also from the general appearance of the brook today) is not sufficient to keep the channel properly flushed.

I believe the above statements answer all the questions asked me.

Respectfully yours.

CHARLES A. ALLEN, Civil Engineer.

It will thus be seen by a comparison of these two reports that the experts agree substantially as to what should be done and how the preliminary steps should be taken. It has not been thought necessary by the committee to consult more authorities as the reports so submitted have seemed satisfactory to them in all essential respects. The region it has been thought best to first drain is that portion of the Center Village lying within the watershed of Central Brook, so called, and will embrace a covered conduit which it is contemplated will receive contents of said brook and the storm water of Main street. This conduit will receive the contents of brook, which it will intercept at the entrance on Chapin street, proceed thence in a straight line through Chapin to Main street, where it will receive the sewer extending from a point opposite Universalist church on the west, and also another sewer extending from a point opposite bank building on the east, thence in as straight a line as possible to Hook street. At Hook street crossing a pipe taps the conduit at the bottom to receive the low water sewage which it will convey across Central down North to Crystal streets, thence down Crystal street to Main street, thence down Main street to a point where it is thought best to enter the river. At Hook street a line of sewer can readily connect coming from Hamilton street, and thus providing for that section. This plan of course only pretends to provide for a small portion of the town, but an important one and one that calls for immediate relief. It can be added to from time to time and from it can be evolved a complete system.

After considering the above reports of the engineers, the committee called upon Mr. Arthur C. Moore, civil engineer to prepare plans and estimates and elevations, and his report is herewith presented:

To G. G. Bulfinch, W. C. Barnes, T. L. Paton, S. Dresser and S. K. Edwards, Sewer Committee of the town of Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:—At your request I have examined a part of your town for an available outlet for a sewer, and submit the following report:

Two years ago I reported, to your selectmen, on a line for a brick conduit for the brook, that could be used to take the present house drainage of the center of the town, and in that report a brief reference was made to the question of discharging sewage matter direct into the river at or near Central street bridge. An 8" intercepting pipe was recommended to take the dry weather flow into the deepest channel of the river.

Already a well founded objection has come up against a sewer outlet at any point in the river channel above the entrance of Harrington's brook.

That, in any event, it will be necessary to straighten and cover the brook, in the central part of the town, seems to be the opinion of all the experts who have examined it.

During times of flood-water, where the river is at its height, there can be no, well founded objection to an outlet for the brook, and what sewage matter will come into it, at the present outfall.

Mr. Sawyer, an engineer, recomended that the brick conduit should be tapped at Hook street by an intercepting pipe sewer, taking the dry-weather flow through North street to the river, or some point in the tail-race of the American Optical Co's works. The proposition to intercept the dry-weather flow, as above, is perfectly feasible, and a good one. This intercepting pipe would take all the water from the brook in dry weather, and would thus be kept free and clean, when it might, otherwise, have to be artificialy flushed and the pipe will pass through a section of the town that must soon be provided with some means of drainage.

With these facts in view, I should recommend that a brick conduit be laid from a point, at the brook, in Chapin street through Chapin street across Main street and through a private way, on the north side of Main street to the channel of the brook, at Mr. Putney's south line, thence partly in the channel of the brook to the southwest end of the bridge at the railroad, substantialy, as was recommend in my report of July 2d 1884. that pipes be laid on Main street and Elm street as shown on plan No. 1, 2, 3, accompaning this report, and that man-holes and lamp-holes be placed as shown. These pipes would take the surface water from Main street and the brick conduit would be provided with proper inlets to take the surface water along the line.

From the end of the conduit a 10" pipe would intercept the reduced flow and take it through Hook across Central and Foster street to the head of North street a 12" pipe through North to Crystal, through Crystal to and through a private way over land of the Central Mills Co. across Mechanics street to a point near the bridge over Cohasse brook on Main street thence through Main street by a 14 inch pipe to Morris street and an outlet into Lensdale pond, the man-holes to be placed as shown on plan, and to be provided with perforated covers for vetnilation. The pipes and conduit to be on the grade shown. The advantage of this oultet will be apparent, for while it is desirable to empty sewage matter into a rapid current there is no place above Sandersdale where this can be done when it is most needed; in dry weather all the water is carried in the canals of the several mills along the river; we must, therefore, look to a large body of water to dilute and render harmless the waste organic matter that will find an outlet by this sewer. With the accumulated flow from the tail-race above, by the end of this outlet to dissipate the sewage into the large water area of the new Lensdale pond it will be rendered harmless and prove this to be the best available outlet.

By taking the pipe through Crystal street we make the main available for house service through a well built section.

The grade is such that a pipe from Hamilton street can be connected, at any time at Hook street, Foster staeet, and that section between Central and Foster streets will find an easy outlet by a pipe down Foster street and if any pipe should ever be required down Main street or from that section of the town drained by Cohassee brook, they would find a ready outlet by this channel.

Pipe sewers should be laid in straight lines and man-holes and lamp-holes provided so that a thorough inspection can be made at any time; accumulations can be thus located and removed by properly constructed tools, without breaking into the pipes.

The estimate is for:

700	ft. of 4" brick wall conduit,	@	$1.50	$1,050.00
500	" " 8" " " "	@	$3.30	$1,650.00
500	ft. trenching & backfilling,	@	$1.62	$810 00
700	" " " " "		$1.20	$840.00
4	man-holes complete,	@	$60	$240.00
445	ft. 14" pipe and laying,	@	.70	$311.50
2315	" 12" " " "		.55	$1,273.25
350	" 10" " " "		.40	$140.00
340	" 9" " " "		.35	$119.00
900	" 6" " " "		.20	$180.00
4000	" trenching & backfilling	@	.80	$3.200.00
350	" " " " (in ledge)	@	2.00	$700.00
17	man-holes complete	@	$28	$476.00
3	lamp-holes " "		5	$15.00
Incidentals, including wall for brook at Hook street,				$495.25
Total				$11,500.00

If in the future it is considered best to treat the sewage before it is passed into the river, or, if acts of legislation shall prevent such pollution of this inland stream, then the amount of sewage at this outlet could be greatly reduced by taking the sewage from Hamilton, Chapin, Elm and a part of Main street through Everett street, to the flat lands along Cohassee brook, near the Woodstock road, where the sewage could be treated chemically or otherwise, and the brook used to take the effluent water to the river.

I need not again refer to the sanitary condition of that part of your town that will find relief by this drain. It stands, today, a menace to the health of the inhabitants.

It is important that every town should protect the health of its people. It is the poor man's wealth and his only capital. And when a question vital to the life and health of the people shall come up, it should not be passed, without notice.

Respectfully submitted

ARTHUR C. MOORE.

Sturbridge, Mass. July 19, 1887.

Dr. Abbott and Civil Engineer Stearns of State Board of Health have been in town and examined propose route and see no

reason why it is not a good one and they together with the engineers express the opinion that it will form the basis for a general system.

The question of disposal of sewage by some other method than emptying into the river has been considered, as for instance, by irrigation or treating chemically but in the opinion of the committee such methods are so far in a state of embryo and not at present practical or advisable.

The committee unhesitatingly recommend the plans herewith presented as the beginning of a system of sewerage, but at present suggest that only that section of proposed sewer as far as Hook street be constructed, viz: A line of pipe in Main street and the brick conduit, which part is estimated to cost between $4,000 and $5,000.

The committee have consulted the abuttors on the line of the brook and have been gratified to find that on the lower part at all events no claim for damages will be made and but one such claim on the upper part. There have been no obstacles thrown in the path of proposed sewer by the mill owners or other abuttors on the river so far.

According to law all plans for systems of sewerage must first be submitted to State Board of Health before being carried into effect, but from what we can learn from the gentlemen connected with the board whom we have seen no trouble in that quarter is anticipated.

The committee believe they have considered carefully the points in opposition and have given due weight to objections, but thus believe what they have presented is feasible, is opportune and for the best interest of the town.

Respectfully submitted

WM. C. BARNES, chairman,
GEO. G. BULFINCH, secretary
S. K. EDWARDS,
SYLVESTER DRESSER,
THOS. L. PATON.
Special Committee on Sewerage.

Southbridge, Aug. 13, 1887.

Sept. **Y. W. C. T. U.** *Contributed.* 1887.

The Y's will hold their first social of the season next Tuesday evening, Oct. 4, in the Royal Arcanum rooms. Ice cream, cake and coffee will be for sale. All honorary and lady members are requested to be present. The public is also cordially invited.

"Obedience" will be the subject of the Thursday afternoon prayer meeting next week. All ladies are cordially invited to come and bring their bibles.

Dec. **SOUTHBRIDGE.** 1887.

—Southbridge ought to have a toboggan slide this winter.

—The net receipts of the French fair exceeded $2,500.

—The late Edwin Dillaber's life was insured for $2,000,

—The Hamilton Woolen Company is thoroughly repairing its ice houses.

—The Baptist Sunday school will give a concert next Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

—Miss Mary Remington will spend the holiday vacation with relatives in Barrington, R. I.

—There will be three entertainments next Tuesday evening, and all under local auspices.

SOUTHBRIDGE TAX-PAYERS.

1887.

List of Those Paying $50 and Over.

Following is a list of persons paying a tax of $50 and over in Southbridge:

Ammidown, L S	$132.99	Ammidown, L E	65.58
Alden, W E	312.42	Ammidown, Mrs M L	63 58
Allard, G V	55.35	Allen, L	69.32
Ammidown, L h'rs	83.21		
Alden W E jr	52 95		
Butler, Wm	51 55	Bartholomew, A J	578.53
Brown, C	52.36	Brochu, Rev G E	76.80
Barnes, W C	279.69	Bulfinch, G G	59.97
Beecher, Wm	341.95	Blaine, J F	67.45
Belknap, A M	56.41	Barnes, W C tr's	50.49
Booth, Wm	71.19	Belknap, J M	136.64
Bugbee, B U	66.98	Blanchard, J D	95.50
Carey, T	77.73	Carpenter, C V	78 67
Chamberlain, A M	65.11	Carpenter, P H	59.97
Curtis, L W	428.17	Coombs, A J	58.10
Cheney, Joel	65.58	Cole, R H	905.22
Cummings, John est	105.65	Cole, Mrs R H	102.85
Chamberlain Mrs J	91.63	Cole, Miss Ella M	56.10
Chamberlain, V	53 79	Chamberlain, Mrs V	58 90
Cady, C E	58 29	Cheney, Mrs J M	59 84
Clemence, Harvey	161.61	Chamberlain, D M	90.83
Clemence, L D	65 59	Clarke, Henry	93.63
Chipman, O B E	56.70	Clarke, W H	229 21
Clarke, P M	61.37	Cheney, A M	325.04
Chapin, F L	98.77	Clarke, Mrs M E	78.54
Cheney, W H H	102.57	Clemence, J E	52.02
Carpenter, C T	56.23	Cady, H C	79.60
Cutler, L h'rs	54.23	Clarke, Emeline H	69.22
Comstock, Wm	306.72	Chamberlain, D	51.56
Dresser, S	727.37	Dresser, C A	1037.42
Delehanty, Mrs P	65 64	Duquette, E	56.23
Dresser, G K	315.60	Delebanty, J J	86.15
Dragon, F	56.23	Donahue, Rev J	92.69
Edwards, W est	147.73	Edwards, Mrs S K	162.69
Edwards, J est	1033.92	Edwards, Mrs F	123 42
Edmunds, C S	58.10	Ellis, E S	166.56
Ellis, E C	62.78	Edwards, S K agt	60.78
Edwards, Mrs W	54.23		
Eaton, F W	117.47		
Farrell, M	52.68	Fisk, H M	50.62
Gauthier, F	164 32	Goodier, Mrs S h'rs	54 23
Green, J D	120.75	Gleason, J S	185.73
Gleason, E A	84.28		
Haggerty, J	52.36	Haskell, A	118.48
Heiner, A	78.67	Hobbs, H	89.54
Hartshorn, M C	269.44	Harding, Mrs T N	64.05
Hall, A	367.75	Harrington, T	415.27
Hughes, L	71.56	Hanson, C H	52.02
Hibbard, A h'rs	60.78	Hyde, C	71.19
Hyde, I P	132.90	Hartwell S C est	714.00
Hartwell, Mrs G H	180.92	Hartwell, G H	58.10
King, J A	73.06	Keith, Mrs W J	160.95
Keith, W J	81.81		
Lyon, Lucian	105.32	Litchfield, P T	75.87
Letcher, F O	131 40	Lyon, L A	174.44
Lyon, G	109.00	Lane, Mrs S M	67.32
Lariviere, F	60.91	Lewis, W C	84.75
Leonard, M h'rs	294 99	LeClair, P N	215.52
Litchfield, F C	82.41		
Marcy, W. A.	132.90	McKinstry, W F	61.84
Morse, W & S	128.09	Marble, M M	82.78
Morse, Manson	96.72	McKinstry, P	115.42
Morse, H	121.30	Martin, A W	58 10
Morton, L	492.88	Marcy, Z A	51 93
Morse, Lewis	110 92	Marble, F H	50.62
Morse, A H	66 33	Metcalf, W	52.49
McKinstry, W L	52.77	Monroe, C D	118.88
McKinstry, Albert	130.28	McKinstry L	65.58
McGrath, R	185 26	Marsh, Simeon F	99 05
McKinstry, J O	247.44	Morse, Asa M	113 55
Merritt, Miss M	121.55	Morse, R W	71.47
		McKinstry, J A	82.41
Newell, D F h'rs	87.89	Oakes, J J	222.60
Phelps, L	237.62	Plimpton, J B h'rs	52.36
Pratt, D L	90.60	Power, W	66.33
Phillips, E M	81.47	Paige, C A	233 88
Potter, T	70.26	Parker, Mrs J F	75 74
Putney, L est	88.19	Plimpton, Miss M	54 70
Suprenant, M J	84.28	Stone, G S	71.66
Stedman, J P h'rs	108.46	Suprenant, L	57.04
Shepard, A H	109.53	Simpson, J	57.17
Travis, L h'rs	65.45	Tatterson, J	88.48
Tully, J	53.43		
Vinton, F E	99.71	Vinton, Ira	52.45
Vinton, H N	57.41	Vinton, F M	64.65
Winter, G L	99.71	Weld, C W	95 31
Williams, S	135.24	Wheeler, A H	88.02
Wells, H C	371.33	Whitford, D est	334.55
Ward, W W	132.34	Weld, E B	72.96
Wells, G W	631.72	Weld, W S	63.75
Williams, Jos	119.34	West, H D	126.82
Wells, H H	70.02	Wheelock, J C F	60.90
Young, Mrs R	62 55		

FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS.

American Optical Co	$2253.20
Bugbee & Wheeler	84.15
Clemence, J M & L D	191.67
Dresser Manufacturing Co	93.50
Litchfield Shuttle Co	148.67
Morse Bros	168.48
Mutual Gas Light Co	143 99
Carpenter, P H & Co	71.99
Paige & Co	74.80
Shepard, G C & Co	50.49
Ellis & Whitford	140.25
Hyde Manufacturing Co	130 90
Ryan, J & T	97.71
Edwards, S K, Hall Co	212.24
Alden W E & Co	76.20
Southbridge Savings Bank	2262.70
Central Mills Co	2064.48
Wheelock & Marcy	64.52
Carpenter & Co	93.50
Hamilton Woolen Co	14,960.00
Parker, J F & Son	91.63
Y M C A	158.95

NON RESIDENTS.

Ammidown, H est, N Y City	$230.01
Newhall, D heirs, Woodstock, Ct	74.80
Marcy, M heirs, Union, Ct	409 53
Chamberlain, M L, Boston	56.10
Hanson, G A, Minneapolis, Minn	51.43
Kinsey, J, Cincinnati, O	104 72
Marcy, J, Fairfield, Ia	86.02
Wales, Mrs H C, Sturbridge	54.23
Edwards, Jacob, Boston	175.78

RESIDENT STOCKHOLDERS IN SOUTHBRIDGE NATIONAL BANK.

Ammidown, Mary T	$52 35
Chapin, F L	99 94
Cheney, J M	61.87
Edwards, Chapin & Carpenter, trustees	76 15
Paige, C A	107.08
Litchfield, Jennie F	71.38

NON RESIDENT, WITHIN STATE.

Dyer, S W, Worcester	$111 84
Worcester Co Inst. for Savings, Worcester	71.39
Mechanics Saving Bank, Worcester	83 28
Drake, C A, Fiskdale	54.73
Chamberlain, C P, Boston	111.84
Edwards, Jacob, Boston	190 36
Lane, O estate, Ware	64.25
French, E F, Palmer	111.84

Oct. **A Local Industry.** 1887.

The Boston *Journal of Commerse* has the following in regard to a well known local corporation: The Litchfield Shuttle Company, manufacturers of shuttles and shuttle irons, also sole manufacturers of the Thompson patent adjustable tension eye shuttle, Southbridge, has one of the largest and finest factories for the manufacture of shuttles in this country. None but the most thoroughly seasoned stock is used, and its customers number many of the fine, large mills both in New England and the south. Its reputation as manufacturers of a high grade of shuttle is second to none.

Aug. **Presentation.** 9 1887.

E. G. Guy, after eight years service as superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school, has resigned the position he has so long and successfully filled. The members of the school desiring to express their appreciation and gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Guy for their valuable services, presented to them at the close of the school service last Sunday a French marble clock with bronze figures and cathedral gong. The presentation was made by Lucious H. Ammidown in behalf of the school. Mr. Guy was so deeply affected that it was with difficulty that he made a response, but all preset felt and understood his feelings.

—The selectmen have issued notices, forbidding coasting on the public highways and sidewalks. 10 Dec. 1887.

—Miss Carrie Ware is at home from her studies at the Northfield seminary for the holidays.

—Elmer Letcher arrived home last evening from Yale college to spend the holiday recess. Dec, 1887.

—The regular business meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. was held in G. A, R. hall Wednesday evening.

—There will be a Sunday school concert at each of the Protestant churches Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

—Last Sunday morning Rev. Gorham Easterbrook preached on the "Attitude of the Church Toward Strangers."

—The building committee advertise in this issue of the JOURNAL for proposals for building the proposed Town Hall.

—A Christmas Sunday school concert will be given at the Methodist church, Sunday evening, Dec. 25, at 6 o'clock.

—James Paton will leave town Saturday for Malden, where he will assume charge of the color mixing in the printworks there.

—Herman Cheney is at home for the holidays from Phillips Andover academy, accompanied by his classmate, J. B. Gilbert of Denver, Col.

—A sociable and supper will be held in the vestry of the Methodist church on Monday evening, Dec. 26, at 5.30, for the Sunday school, church and society.

—Peter Allaire, employed in M. M. Marble's market for several years past, is soon to go to Canada for an indefinite time. John Halpin, who formerly worked for Mr. Marble, will re-enter his employ.

—A petition is being circulated among the parents of pupils in the High school with a view of finding out if one session of the school is desired instead of two sessions daily as at present.

—Two lights of the front windows of Chin Sam's laundry were broken Wednesday evening by snowballs which were thrown by some malicious young whelps, who, if their names can be ascertained, should be summarily dealt with.

—The subject of better railroad facilities for Southbridge is being discussed. The great need of this town is for a line either to Palmer or East Brookfield, and one or the other seems likely to be built before a great while.—Cor. Worcester Gazette.

—The next institute of the Worcester South Agricultural Society will be held in Podunk next week Thursday, and will be addressed by Prof. Henry E. Alvord of the state agricultural college. Subject: "Dairy farming and the care of dairy stock."

—Some thirteen couples of the young friends and acquaintances of James L. Plimpton paid him a surprise visit, at his home in Westville last Friday evening. The customary festivities and sports of such occasions were enjoyed, and a good time is reported.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Barber returned from their wedding trip last Monday evening, and went directly to their new residence on Dresser street, where they were received by a company of their friends, to the number of fifteen, and an informal reception held. Dec. 1887.

—The Ladies' Social Circle and the Young People's Union of the Methodist church, held a very pleasant sociable at Dr. H. D. West's on Tuesday. Action was taken on becoming auxiliary to the Young People's Christian League, a society recently organized in Boston, embracing Methodist young people in New England.

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—Postmaster Oakes arrived home from the national convention of postmasters at Washington last Saturday. While in the capital he visited both branches of Congress, most of the departments and the White House where he met the president.

—In probate court at Worcester, Tuesday, the will of Theodore Reynolds of Southbridge was proved, Abby A. Reynolds, executrix. In the court of insolvency a first meeting was held in the case of E. B. Cummings of Southbridge, Franklin Jacobs, assignee. Dec. 1887

—In one of the show windows of Carpenter & Co's store, can be seen two panel oil paintings, one of a rabbit, the other of a duck. They are fine as works of art, and as such are a credit to the artist, Miss Sallie E. Hibbard of Boston, well known in town.

—An exchange has the following concerning the Henry theatre company which appears at Dresser opera house next week: "The Henry theatre company played their full week here, and not one word of invidious criticism has been spoken by the public. Their acting and personal deportment were unexceptional." Dec. 1887.

—The Montreal Morning Star of Dec. 17 contains a portrait and personal sketch of Rev. A. G. Upham, formerly of Southbridge, who went from here to become the pastor of the Olivet Baptist church of that city. He is the president of the Grand Ligne mission and a member both of the senate of McMaster university, Toronto, and also of the Protestant school board of Montreal. He has just entered upon the fifth year of his present pastorate. 1887.

—The Southbridge Brass band will give a vocal and instrumental concert in Edwards opera house next Tuesday evening. The band is to be assisted by the Cecilian ladies' quartette, which consists of the following local talent: Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, Mrs. L. W. Litchfield, Misses Florence King and Minnie Searles. An opportunity to listen to the singing of this quartette is a musical treat on any and all occasions. The Baptist male double quartette, whose singing has been such an attractive feature at the recent Sunday evening meetings at the Baptist church, and Napoleon Amelotte of Spencer, will also assist in the concert. Altogether it promises to be an excellent entertainment. Dec. 1887

The Public Library Gets a Clock.

The public library has received from the estate of the late Mrs Mary Mynott, in addition to the bequest mentioned in the JOURNAL of last week, an eight day clock, made for a wedding present to Rachel Rich, who married Daniel Hodges June 23, 1781. Mrs. Mynott was a daughter of Mrs. Daniel Hodges, as is also Mrs. Holmes Ammidown. It was through the foresight and plans of the late Holmes Ammidown that the clock was secured.

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—Potatoes are selling at $1 a bushel with an upward tendency, owing to farmers holding their sound ones for an anticipated rise. Early winter apples are being brought into market, and such varieties as the "Seek no Further" sell at $1.75 a barrell. For Rhode Island Greenings and Baldwins $2 will probably be realized. R. I. Greenings are quite plentiful and of exceptional excellence this year. One of our local market-men has had a supply of celery from Rochester, N. Y., on sale this week. It is finely blanched and entirely free from rust. It is tied up in bunches of six stocks or plants each, which retails at 25 cents.

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Personal.

—Mrs. J. M. Cochran is visiting in Sun cook, N. H.

—D. L. Pratt has one of the best looking field, of corn in town.

—Mrs. S. C. Hartwell and daughter are visiting in St. Paul, Minn.

—G. W. Martin of Boston spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

—John Halpin, formerly of Southbridge was in town the present week.

—Mrs. Henry Hill is spending a week with friends in Wilkinsonville, Ct.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alva L. Hyde are attending commencement at Amherst.

—Miss Emily Hammond is at her father's home in Charlton for a week.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Litchfield arrived safely in Europe last Sunday evening.

—Mrs. Oscar Barrett and daughter Julia are at home from their Hartford visit.

—G. M. Whitaker and family will spend the summer at Hotel Waverly, Nantasket.

—Herbert Clemence is at home for the summer vacation from Wilbraham Academy.

—N. P. Sanborn of Marblehead was the guest of his son, Dr. Sanborn, the present week.

—W. H. Campbell and Cheney Wells are spending the present week on Providence river.

—Rev. James Donahue attended the graduating exercises at Holy Cross college yesterday.

—Mrs. M. S. Lont of Hartford, Ct., is Miss E. P. Burton's successor in the telegraph office.

—Edward S. Niles, a member of the junior class in Williams College, is visting Mrs. Sumner Marsh.

—Miss Maud Oldham is at her home from the Framingham Normal school, for the summer vacation.

—Miss R. P. Paige will return to her home in Newmarket, N. H., next week, for the summer season.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hyde attended the dedication of the soldiers monument in New Haven, Conn.

—James Taylor has moved into one of the tenements of James M. Belknap's new house on South street.

—Mrs. Edith Bailey and children of Danielsonville, Conn., are visiting her father, Samuel Williams.

—Dea. and Mrs. Fenn of Putnam were in town the past week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Arnold.

—Mr. Wattles of the mill supply firm of Wattles & Co., Canton, was the guest of J. M. Cochran, Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Merriam of South Framingham visited relatives in town the present week.

—Edward Reynolds and Charles Truesdell have been at Bar Harbor this week. They are expected home today.

—D. R. and Edward Lawton of Ware, the father and brother of Mrs. F. L. Chapin, spent last Sunday in town.

—Miss L. Mabel Barrett is spending her vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Johnson and Miss Jennie Warren in Hartford.

—E. J. Jenks and daughter of Hopkinton have been in town the present week the guest of their relative, Miss Nancy Jenks.

—Mrs. Walter F. Esten has been in town a few weeks visiting her mother and other relatives. She has now gone to her home in Montreal.

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Personal.

Jacob Booth has returned from his vacation trip.

B. U. Bugbee is away this week on an extended business trip.

Miss Carrie Teele is the new assistant at the high school.

Everett E. Upham, a former townsman, is here on a visit from Marshfield, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ellis arrived home from their wedding tour last evening.

John A. McKinstry contemplates moving to Southbridge from Sturbridge in about two weeks.

Samuel Sutton who recently came from England has entered the employ of Eugene Comstock.

Miss Carrie Cheney contemplates going abroad next season in company with a party of New York friends.

The Spencer *Bulletin* of the 21 inst. has a personal sketch of James H. Ames a former well known resident.

Wm. Fay a machinist at the Hamilton Woolen Company's print works has removed to Springfield, where he will work in the U. S. Armory.

H. W. Bacon, jr., wife and child, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cutler, former residents of this town, at their home in Worcester.

Jas. Taylor, the recent foreman of the engraving room at the Hamilton Woolen company's print-works, has accepted a similar position in Magog, Canada.

The *Boston Globe* announces the engagement of E. C. Hawkes, editor of the *Clinton Enterprise*, and Miss Hattie Brigham, a society young lady of Marlboro.

Miss Mary Gavin, for many years employed in the engraving room at the Hamilton Woolen company's print-works, but now of Webster, was the guest of Miss Lizzie Hefner the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Smith of Springfield were in town Monday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alden, jr. Mr. Smith will be remembered as the former manager of the skating rink in this town.

A tender and loving tribute to the memory of Adelia Moncrieff whose death was mentioned in these columns recently, and whose parents once lived in this town, is given in the *Framingham Gazette* of Jan. 28.

Mrs. M. J. Brewster well known as a very successful kindergarten teacher has accepeted a position as a teacher in Philander Smith college, Little Rock, Ark. For which place she leaves next week. Her daughter Miss Idella Brewster will remain in town.

The pupils of C. C. Foster's commercial school visted him at his residence in Worcester one evening last week to surprise Mrs. Foster, and to whom they presented a handsome standing workbasket as a testimonial of their appreciation of her kindly interest in their behalf.

At the meeting of the Bowdoin college alumni at Young's hotel, Boston, Wednesday evening, Chas. Haggerty gracefully responded for the commonwealth, alluding to the fact that in the nation's history the one man whose name was associated with that of Abraham Lincoln was Massachusetts's war governor, John A. Andrew, a graduate of Bowdoin.

Claire Scott.

This talented young actress whom many will remember as being here last winter again performed in Dresser Opera house Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week.

Brilliant and pleasing as was her acting last season the least observing could not but help marking her wonderful progress in her chosen work since her previous appearance in town. Miss Scott's voice, physique and temperament admirably fit her for historical and tragical plays, and if more of such plays as she presented in town were produced on the stage it would be lifted up from the odium which in too many cases it well deserves. Monday evening Miss Scott and her company played Lucretia Borgia and one acquainted with the history of that period could not help but become entranced as she and her faultless support unrolled the terrible events of the life of Lucretia Borgia. Want of space forbids a detailed account of Miss Scott's appearance in "Mary Queen of Scotts" which was given Tuesday evening.

A Notable Gathering.

The annual meeting of the Union church occurred last Friday evening. None but members of the church were present except the non-member whose husband or wife belonged to the church. Alvah L. Hyde was elected a steward; B. U. Bugbee, clerk and treasurer; Dr. L. W. Curtis, Chas. Hyde, Fred G. Blanchard, P. T. Litchfield and Wm. H Searles, examining committee. After the business of the meeting had been completed, coffee and cake in abundance were served, after which came the literary feast. It had previously been arranged that the social part of the evening's doings should be under the supervision of the original members of the church; only five of these are now living in town. These are Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Pliny T. Litchfield and John M. Cheney. The latter was not present at the meeting. Seven members of the first choir of the church were in attendance. These were Dr. and Mrs. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. John M. Cheney and Mrs. H. C. Amidown. Many interesting reminiscences of the formation and early history of the church were given, after which the pastor, Rev. S. Hayward read the following original poem which we give entire:

Here, to-night we meet to bring
Tribute to our Heavenly King,
And His highest praise to sing.

Thanks we give for tender care,
Answers sent to earnest prayer,
Blessings scattered everywhere.

Early days we now recall,
When, in number only small,
The founders met in yonder hall.

Since, with no sectanian aim,
They received whoever came
In the blest Redeemer's name

Owning Him as Lord and God
Walking where the fathers trod
Simply trusting Jesus' blood,—

Other churches looked askance,
With a scarcely courteous glance,
Faithless as to *Union's* chance.

But with faith and courage true
The founders pushed their purpose through
Fought the fight and won it too.

Eden's garden fresh and bright
Shining with celestial light,
Yielded every dear delight.

Every tree of beauty rare
Or delicious fruit was there,
Cherry, apple, plum and pear,

Oak, and elm of shade benign,
Cocoanut, and fig, and vine,
Cedar, olive, palm and pine.

Every field and every bower
Yielded freshly every hour
Ripened fruit and fragrant flower.

Adam found where'er he stood
Diversity of fruits for food,
And the Lord pronounced it good.

Various as these verdant trees
Rustling in the Eden breeze
Are the *lives* the Lord to please.

In his church the Lord approves
Every soul that lives, and moves,
Labors, prays, bestows, and loves;

Only let their graces grow,
And with flowers of beauty blow,
And with ripened fruit o'erflow

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Let our meetings ring again
With the Methodist "Amen!"
And the sisters join the strain.

Let the Presbyterian blue,
To the Catechism true,
Lead our deep devotions too.

Let the Churchman hither come
From his richly ordered home.
Nor remain entirely dumb,

For at least his voice can share
In the Savior's holy prayer,—
And collect his household there.

Let the Baptist from the flood
Where he thinks the Master stood
Come with us and do us good.

Congregationalists shall see
Both in creed and polity
Consciences entirely free.

Bowing head or bending knees,
Each shall worship as he please
Only Him the heart who sees.

Sprinkled, plunged, or duly poured,
At the Christian's sacred board
Each is welcomed by the Lord.

Still for *Union* let us stand,
"Heart to heart and hand to hand,"
Subject to the Lord's command.

Planted on the living Rock,
Firm amid an earthquake's shock,
Every foe we safely mock.

Us, no narrow chains confine,
But our best affections twine
Round the true, the living Vine.

Sinners lost but saved by grace
Gazing on Immanuel's face
At the cross we take our place.

There the atoning blood was shed,
Thence the crimson fount is fed
Where our wandering feet he led.

By this fountain cleansed from ill
Hold we forth the Gospel still;
"Come and welcome! Whoso will!"

Here through all the coming years
May that call reach willing ears
Till shall fall the flaming spheres.

As the fathers one by one
Reach the shore, their labors done,
Rest attained, and victory won,

May their sons in endless line
Here in Jesus' name combine,
Here the cross forever shine!

When we reach the final flood,
Purified in Jesus' blood,
May we all get home to God!

Feb. **A Public Installation.** 1887.

Deputy Grand Regent Ira Goodwin and Deputy Grand Guide W. C. Casey both of Worcester publicly installed the officers for the ensuing year of Phoenix Council Royal Arcanum in their spacious and pleasant hall in the public library building, last Thursday evening. The new officers are as follows:

Regent—Andrew B. Goodier.
Vice-Regent—Edwin B. Cummings.
Orator—John M. Cochran.
Past-Regent—George G. Bulfinch.
Secretary—Henry B. Dresser.
Treasurer—T. Jerome Harrington.
Collector—Charles W. Johnson.
Chaplain—John Taylor.
Guide—Edgar A. Brown.
Warden—William H. Eccleston.
Sentry—A. Jerome Johnson.

Every available seat in the hall was occupied by guests or members while a number of the members had standing room only during the initiatory exercises.

The initiatory ceremonies were intently watched by the invited guests. The visiting officers discharged their duties in a most commendable manner, showing a complete knowledge of their work. After the officers were installed, a grand literary entertainment took place which included singing by a male quartet, duets by Misses Searles and King, and solos by Mrs. Carpenter. Miss Nettie Taylor delighted and entertained the company by several recitations. Her ivin the different versions of "Mary and Her Lamb" convulsed the house with laughter.

At the close of the literary program all present were invited into the banquet room where an abundant repast was served.

The Royal Arcanum is a beneficiary order and is incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth and having for its chief object the assurance of the lives of its members, and for fraternal union and aid to members and their dependants.

It was founded in 1877, only ten years ago, and already numbers over 71,000 members. Any man between the ages of 21 and 55, of sound body, good moral character and a believer in a Supreme Being, can join the order. The cost of joining the association for a man 21 years old is as follows: Initiation fee, $10; medical examination, $2.50; benefit certificate, $1; quarters dues, 75 cents; one assessment, $1; total, $15.25. Five dollars for initiatory fee and $2.50 for medical examiner's fee accompany the application for membership, the balance to be paid at time of joining.

The costs of becoming a member and the assesments vary according to one's age. The average assesment the past year has been but $2.10. The organization has a firm basis and affords a cheap, reliable and easy insurance of one's life. The maximum and general amount of insurance is for $3,000 although one can get this amount halved if circumstances render it im possible for him to pay the full amount of his assesments.

Phœnix Council, the local organization, was instituted in 1879 and now has 77 members. In its membership are many of the best men in town and to be selected as one of its officers is a compliment of no slight degree.

July **SOUTHBRIDGE.** 1887.

Don't think the ice man failed you,
Or let the fear disturb,
You can tell that he has been here
By the damp spot on the curb.

—Ball game at 2 o'clock p. m., Monday.

—Grass has ripened very rapidly the past few days.

—Dr. L. W. Curtis has raised the frame of his new storage barn.

—Sumner Vinton has put an additional story on the L of his house.

—The exterior wood work of the Edward House block is being repainted.

—Pond lily excursions are at present the order of the day for both young and old.

—Large quantities of merchandise have been received by express during the week.

—By the recent readjustment of salaries, Postmaster Oakes gets an increase of $100 a year.

—Last week's rain and the hot days of this week have given vegetation a tremendous boom.

—J. S. Gleason has placed in his meat market a new table made expressly for him by Azel Thompson.

—There will be preaching at the school house in Pratt's neighborhood next Sunday at 5 p. m.

—The vestibule floor and staircases of the Methodist church have been carpeted with manilla matting.

—Attention is called to the notice of the Board of Health published in another column.

—Miss Mary Ellis has received an invitation, which she has accepted, to read before a Boston council of the Home Circle at an early date in July.

—Gladys, only child of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Litchfield, has been very sick with diphtheria at her grandparent's home in Webster, but is now gradually recovering.

—The train leaving Worcester this (Friday) evening at 6.30 p. m. will be a special though to Southbridge for the accommodation of Barnum's circus patrons.

—The South Worcester cricket club, will play a game with the Southbridge eleven, Saturday, July 9, on the home grounds. The Southbridge club play no public game until that date.

—The St. Jean Baptiste society attended services at the church of the Notre Dame last Sunday morning. They made a strikingly fine appearance as they marched along the streets.

Strawberry Festival. 1887.

The ladies of the Universalist church were given one of June's loyliest evenings for their strawberry festival last Friday. The attendance throughout the evening was large and the entertainment proved, in every respect, a success. The tables were well stocked, well served and well patronized. The menu was written on the reverse side of an imitation, in paper, of a strawberry and leaf. The face of the leaf and berry were painted in natural colors by Mrs. William D. Morse, who received many compliments for the excellence of her work. A tiny knotted ribbon fastened the berry to the stem of the leaf. Altogether it was one of the most unique designs for a bill of fare ever seen in town.

—Miss Rosa Letcher rested from her duties in the post-office for a few days this week. Miss Beryle Oakes was the assistant during her absence. July 87

—Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Knapp of Auburndale were in town this week. Mr. Knapp is one of the directors of the Hamilton Woolen Company.

List of Marriages for 1886.

Jan. 2, by Rev. Jules Graton, Peter Duquette to Matilda Mountain.
4, by Rev. Jules Graton, Adelord Brothers to Arzear Delage.
4, by Rev. Jules Graton, Peter Benway, jr., to Rosanna Richard.
12, by Rev. Jules Graton, Maurice Capistrand to Marie Lamothe.
13, by Rev. Jules Graton, Louis Beltrant to Odille Trudeau.
18, by Rev. Jules Graton, Albert Dumas to Marie White.
18, by Rev. H. Landry of Webster, Moses Cusson to Marie Vaudalle.
19, by Rev. Jules Graton, Joseph Bachand to Marie Lareux.
25, by Rev. J. T. Nelligan, Joseph Degrenier to Catherine Grant.
28, by Rev. M. L. Richardson of Sturbridge, Geo. B. Works to Julia Redhead.

Feb. 1, by Rev. G. Ely Brochu, Louis Brodeau to Lucie Brodeau.
1, by Rev. Jules Graton, Louis Peloquin to Amelia Bibeau.
15, by Rev. Jules Graton, Louis Duquette to Ida Letcher.
16, by J. C. F. Wheelock, esq., Walter Keating to Margaret Jennings.
17, by Rev. W. J. Pomfret, Freeman J. Rich to Rosa A. Woodward.
20, by Rev. Jules Graton, Narcisse Balthazerd to Marie Louise Peck.
22, by Rev. Jules Graton, Joseph La Mountain to Josephine Livernais.

Mar. 5, by J. C. F. Wheelock, esq., Albert Lavallee to Josephine Lonsway.
11, by Rev. Silvanus Hayward, Joseph Barbour to Annie Sinclair.
26, by J. C. F. Wheelock, esq., Philip Tatro to Agnes Holden.

Apr. 7, by Rev. Joseph Danielson, Lewis A. McIntyre to Minnie E. Gifford.
13, by Rev. Chas. Holt of East Brookfield, Henry M. Hill to Lillian Burt.

May 3, by Rev. J. M. Kremmen, Patrick McCarty to Annie Griffin.
3, by J. C. F. Wheelock, esq., Louis Ovide Morasse to Odile Z. Bronze.
8, by J. C. F. Wheelock, esq., Adam P. McKinstry to Bridget Hanley.
12, by Rev. S. Hayward, Peter Savery to Flora Cooper.
17, by Rev. Jules Graton, Joseph Leclair to Rosilda Bouthilette.

June 7, by Rev. J. M. Kremmen, Nicholas Mulholland to Mary Coughlan.
14, by Rev. Jules Graton, Alfred S. Stone to Della Bebeaux.
14, by Rev. Jules Graton, Charles Mortiguy to Emma Stone.
14, by Jules Graton, Joseph Lareau to Mary Richard.
20, by Rev. W. J. Pomfret, George Martin to Mary Roberts.
21, by Rev. Jules Graton, Felix Gauthier to Marie Dufaux.
21, by Jules Graton, Zepherine Brodeur to Exina Larivier.
21 by Rev. J. M. Kremmen, Frank J. Quinn to Catherine E. Jarrett.
26, by J. C. F. Wheelock, esq., Levins Hooker to Hedwidge Perry.
28, by Charles Haggerty, esq., John Reno to Mary Tobin.

July 1, by Rev. Silvanus Hayward, James Pickles to Elizabeth Garside.
1, Rev. Silvanus Hayward, Frank Converse to Callina L. Vinton.
5, by Rev. Jules Graton, Charles Proulx to Delia Lavallee.
5, Rev. G. Ely Brochu, Camille Collette to Augelina Gervais.
6, by Rev. John H. Mellish of Auburn, Nathaniel S. Viall to Carrie W. Pond.
10, by William W. Leach, esq., of Palmer, Wm. Brisette to Eliza Tracy.
12, by Rev. Jules Graton, Alphonse Danue to Marie Galipeau.
18, by Rev. A. Delphos of East Douglas, Eugene Blaize to Marie Dauellette.
19, by Rev. G. Ely Brochu, Charles Bebo to Marie Capistrand.
20, by Rev. Joseph Danielson, Charles A. Bowers to Sarah E. (Green) Bosquet.
22, by Rev. J. W. Hird of North Brookfield, Daniel Clemence to Ida L. Howe.
27, by Rev. Silvanus Hayward, Earnest J. Knowles to Minnie B. Bates.

Aug. 2, by Rev. Jules Graton, Adelord St. Onge to Alphonseine Saverie.
6, by Rev. W. J. Pomfret, Charles Berry to Lily R. Wesson.
18, by Charles Haggerty, esq., Samuel Paul to Emma Benoit.
23, by Rev. G. Ely Brochu, Francis Lafliche to Delia Terrie.

Sept. 23, by Rev. Aibert W. Stanley of Webster, Joseph Thatcher to Maggie E. Morris.
26, by Rev. J. H. Fitzmaurice of North Grosvenordale, Ct., Hornidas Tremblay to Laurinia Belanger.
27, by Bey. G. Ely Brochu, Theophile Gagnon to Sophronia Senecal.

Oct. 3, by Rev. G. Ely Brochu, Louis Delage to Ovilla A. Boucher.
4, by Rev. Silvanus Hayward, August Heinze to Margaret Colquhon.
10, by Rev. F. Magwire, Eaton S. Hitchcock to Alice L. Harris.
11, by Rev. James Donahue, Michael Thimblin to Frances A. Bergin.
18, by Rev. G. Ely Brochu, Michel Metras to Marie Louise Metras.
18, by Rev. G. Ely Brochu, John B Proulx to Mary Simpson.
20, by Rev. Silvanus Hayward, Liberty W. Litchfield to Mattie S. Searles.
25, by Rev. Jas. Donahue, Luke Reilly to Bridget Martin. 219

Nov. 10, by Rev. G. Easterbrook, Herbert B. Hooker to May M. Chase, both of Sturbridge.
15, by Rev. G. Ely Brochu, Solomon Labonte to Emelie Larange.
17, by Rev. F. Magwire, Horace W. Putnam to Mary E. Nichols, both of Sturbridge.
22, by Rev. G. Ely Brochu, Felix Scarbeau to Marie Boucher.
22, by Rev. James Donahue, Charles Wright to Ellen Hickey.
26, by Rev. Jos. Danielson, Herbert R. Beecher to Mary B. Carpenter.

Dec. 27, by Rev. G. Ely Brochu, Delphis Varrin to Delina Gaumond.
30, by Rev. F. Magwire, Liberty Reynolds to Jane R. Plimpton.

—Although the contract papers are not yet signed, it is expected that the contract for the cutting down of Dresser street hill to the specified grade, will be awarded to John Hilton & Son of Douglas. The stipulated price is $3,500. July 1887.

—The repairs which the town instructed the selectmen to make on Crane street are now under way. The plank sidewalk has been removed and along its line a trench is being dug which will contain a 10-inch tile drain. After the completion of the drain, a gravel sidewalk will be made over it.

—At the semi-annual election of officers of the A. O. F. last week the following were chosen: C. R., John Curry; S. C. R., Joseph Hetue; treasurer, M. Egan; financial secretary, Patrick Dalton; S. W., Thomas O'Hara; J. W., Roger Corcoran; S. B., Charles Lucia; J. B., M. H. Delehanty. These officers will be installed July 14 by district deputy Martin Whalen.

—Miss E. P. Burton, telegraph operator at the N. Y. & N. E. railroad station for the past seven years, has sent in her resignation to take effect July 1. Since her residence in Southbridge Miss Burton has, by her efficient service in the telegraph office, won the respect and confidence of those having business there, and the many estimable traits of her character have secured for her the sincere regard of the general community. Miss Burton will spend the summer in Danielsonville, Conn.

—Mrs. O'Niell and three daughters of Boston with their teacher, Miss Von Voigt of Brooklyn, are at W. H. H. Cheney's, where they propose living for the summer.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haggerty left for Augusta, Me. last Friday. Mrs. Haggerty will remain in Augusta till Sept. 1. Mr. Haggerty returned Wednesday.

—Miss Flora Fuller of Worcester has been in town the present week. When she lived here she was a member of the Congregational church choir, and at their concert in Fiskdale, Tuesday evening, she sang with them again. July 1887.

—James A. Colburn and A. W. Booth, both of Clinton, the former the father of Harry P. Colburn, spent last Saturday and Sunday in town. Both gentlemen expressed themselves as highly pleased at the clean and thrifty appearance of Southbridge.

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The late Dea. S. M. Lane bequeathed to the American Home Missionary society the sum of one-thousand dollars, he also made the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions a residuary legatee of his estate.

Mrs. Almira B. Cutting, the widow of the late Dea. Jonathan Cutting, died last Thursday night at the age of 84 years and 6 months. Her funeral was from the Congregational church and was largely attended.

Personal.

Otis Lane of Ware, was in town this week.

Miss Mary Fife is visiting friends in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Henry A. Bigelow visited friends in Boston the past week.

Hiram C. Wells has returned from a ten day's vacation trip.

J. Fred Fiske, a former townsman is visiting friends in town.

N. A. Taylor will spend the balance of the winter in New York.

Miss Minnie E. Thompson of Boston visited friends in town the past week.

Miss Abby Holmes of Palmer is visiting her sister Mrs. L. D. Clemence.

Joseph Holden is at present employed in the Sandersdale print works.

Edgar and Everett Brown are visitors at the ice carnival in Montreal.

Elmer E. Bacon, a former well known resident, has been in town for a few days.

James Blaine, jr., has gone to Riverpoint, R. I., to work in a print works at that place.

James H. Ryan returned Tuesday from a three weeks' trip to Brooklyn and New York.

We received a pleasant call yesterday afternoon from A. H. Johnson, editor of the *Spencer Bulletin*.

Julius and W. G. King of Cleveland, Ohio, extensive dealers in optical goods, were in town this week.

Sumner Marsh, one of our most aged and venerable citizens, has been quite sick but is now considered as improving.

Matthew McGrath a well known and long time resident of this town was reported as being in a dying condition last evening.

Jules Tremblay dislocated one of his shoulders last Sunday. He fell down a flight of stairs. At last accounts he was doing well.

Among the contributors to the fund for the carrying on of the Springfield school for christian workers is Geo. W. Wells of this town.

Peter Allard and son Joseph left town Thursday for Florida. They are employed by a Boston builder to work on a new hotel in that state.

James West, foreman of the sketch-room at the Hamilton Woolen company's printworks, is making preparations to remove to Kansas.

Chas. G. Marcy of Worcester, once the leader of Mechanics Band, played with the Southbridge Quadrille Band at the recent fireman's ball.

E. B. Cummings is on a short business trip to the west, but will return in season to attend to his early spring trade in carriages, harneses, etc.

Joseph Esten a former resident, who left this town to become the agent of the Hamilton Woolen company's mills at Amesbury has retired from that position.

The *Gazette* gives the name of Geo. M. Whitaker as representing Southbridge at the meeting for organizing the County Republican club last week in Worcester.

Henry W. Tewksbury who lectured in this town in the Y. M. C. A. Star course a few years since was among the injured at the recent railroad calamity in Vermont.

Owing to some misunderstanding amongst the members of the Cercle Canadian, Xiste Lescault has sent in his resignation as president and as member of the association.

John J. Bowlen returned Wednesday from his trip to Canada, bringing with him four horses, whose average weight is 1032 pounds. They are handsome in appearance and undoubtedly such in action.

C. D. Monroe was in Boston Tuesday, where he listened to one of Sam Small's neon sermons in Faneuil hall, and in the evening one by Sam Jones in the People's church. He speaks highly of both men and their sermons.

Jos. Jacques of Fitchburg, one of the severely injured at White River Junction, formerly lived in this town. He is a brother of Eli Jacques, a clerk for P. N. LeClair. He formerly kept the saloon occupied by the late Warren Armes on Plimpton street.

Among the Churches.

Rev. Mr. Danielson exchanged with Rev. Mr. Sewall of Charlton last Sabbath.

Gospel services at the Baptist church every Sunday evening. Subject of sermon next Sunday evening, "Presumption." All welcome.

Last Sabbath morning Rev. Mr. Hayward preached from the text 2 Timothy, iii:5. There was a well attended young people's meeting in the evening.

Last Sunday Rev. Mr. Magwire preached from John vi:38-39. The sermon was the fourth in a series on the foundation stones of Universalism. The subject was Prophesy.

At the Congregational church next Sabbath morning, Rev. J. Danielson will preach a sermon reviewing the ten years of his pastorate. Gospel song service in the evening. Mr. Danielson will also preach, by request, the first sermon he delivered in Southbridge.

The social of the Young People's Union of the Methodist church at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. H. D. West, last Tuesday evening, was largely attended and the usual good time was enjoyed. The next social of the union will be with Mrs. Jas. Sanders, on the evening of the first Tuesday in March.

The young people connected with the Union church have formed a social club. They held their first social gathering in the vestry of their church last Thursday evening, when the following program was given:

Quartette,	Fred Hill, Miss Ida M. Varner, John Taylor, Miss Lillie M. Hall.
Reading,	George Booth.
Solo,	Miss Lizzie Alden.
Reading,	Miss Christina Sinclair.
Solo,	Miss Nettie Searles.
Reading,	Henry A. Bigelow.
Reading,	Miss Isabelle Taylor.

A social time followed the program.

Miss M. L. Kiff of Delhi, N. Y., is the guest of Miss Carrie Cheney.

F. L. Chapin attended the funeral of the late Otis Lane in Ware last Monday.

Alfred E. Holmes is confined to the house by a dangerous attack of sickness. Fri 6.1887.

L. E. Ferry, wife and son of Palmer, formerly of this town, are the guests of C. H. Bigelow.

Alex. Senecal is still confined to his house by sickness with but slight indications of improvement.

J. M. Cochran was the guest of the New Hampshire club at Worcester last week and made an able speech.

Feb. 4. 1887.

Fireman's Concert and Ball.

A pleasant evening, the best of sleighing and agreeable weather were given the firemen last Friday evening on the occasion of their concert and ball at Dresser Opera house. Long before the time announced for the beginning of the concert every seat in the gallery was occupied, then the seats in the body of the hall began to be taken, and at the time of the sound of the first note from the orchestra was heard, every seat contained an expectant and interested listener, while many could find only standing room in the gallery. The hall was simply but tastefully decorated by various parts of fire apparatus. Hanging in festoons from the arch over the stage was a line of hose with a like decoration on that part of the gallery directly opposite. Hanging from the central chandelier was a brace of trumpets. Placed in a coil of hose at each side of the front of the stage was an engine-nozzle while between these at stated distances was a fireman's hat. There were not so many dancers present as there were at the last annual ball, and an old attendant of these dances could not but notice the absence of many familiar faces that were so often seen on the ball room floor of former years. But the company present this year was second to none in fine and well behaved appearance, there being nothing to mar the festivities of the occasion. The costumes of the ladies were neat, attractive, and in every instance befitting the wearers. The music of the Southbridge Concert orchestra, on the whole, gave eminent satisfaction. The clarinet solo of F. L. Geer was good and deserved the applause given at its close. The piccolo solo of John Valva of Worcester received an encore. It was in its dancing music that the orchestra appeared at its best, excelling in the opinion of many that of some of the highly reputed out-of-town bands which have been here on previous like occasions. The prompting of Edwin G. Austin was good but would have been improved by the addition of a little more force in his enunciation. At mid-night an intermission with supper at the Dresser house took place, after which dancing was again resumed and continued for an hour or two. The members of the fire department having charge of the entertainment are to be congratulated and praised for so successfully creating and carrying out the program of the affair.

Newbern; or, The Old Flag.

This popular and thrilling war drama was played in Edwards Opera house, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week under the auspices of Malcolm Ammidown Post 168, G. A. R.

The post were ably assisted in its production of the play by the successful author of the piece, Edwin A. Lewis, whose army experience and innate talent finely equip him for the part he takes in the play, and Annabelle Lewis, whose sanguine temperament and vivacious character enables her to act the impetuous southern lady to perfection; further assistance was also given the post by a number of our best local talent, including a full band of minstrels whose singing of the ballads of rebellion times intensely pleased the audience. The instrumental music was given by a full orchestra under the direction of F. W. Rowley assisted by Mrs. H. N. Carpenter. At various stages of the play there were shown tableaux illustrating the phases of the war. These tableaux and the manner in which they were shown cannot be too highly praised. Nothing in comparison to them was ever before seen in this town. In the prologue of the play are recounted the exciting and stirring events that preceded the immediate outbreak of the war. The scenes, actions and conversation that are in the prologue are faithful portrayals of that epoch in our nations' history. The characters in the prologue were:

Charles Sanford. a law student, Edwin A. Lewis.
George Holmes, a young lawyer, Ernest W. Winter.
Judge Holmes, a war democrat, George W. Corey.
David Jones, boiling over with patriotism, T. W. Stevenson.
Mrs. Judge Holmes, a Northern lady, Martha Cutting.
Jerusha, David Jones' sweetheart, Mary L. Olds.
Ina Cate, young lady who presents flag, Grace Johnson.

Mr. Lewis acted his part in a way that fully sustained the high reputation that had preceded him. E. W. Winter showed the typical law student full of hope, bouyancy, and aching for the struggle to begin. Geo. W. Corey as the cautious old-time judge, willing to do almost anything to propitiate the south and avert the impending crisis, so long as the unity and honor of the nation was preserved, was a master of his part. T. W. Stevenson as "David Jones" kept the audience in good humor and played his difficult part in a praise-worthy manner.

Miss Martha Cutting delineated the feelings that swayed the northern woman of that time. Miss Mary Olds showed how the "boys" sweethearts acted in those days when their lovers marched away to the war. Miss Grace Johnson presented the flag to the troops in a manner that made many a one think of such a scene witnessed in actual war.

The characters in the drama were as follows:

Alice Bailey, the little rebel, Annabelle Lewis.
Lieut. Charles Sanford, U. S. A., Edwin A. Lewis.
Capt. Geo. Holmes, U. S. A., Ernest W. Winter.
Col. Fred Sharpe, C. S. A., G. Clarence Winter.
Moses Bailey, a Southern planter, John W. Bowker.
Sergt. Williams, C. S. A., A. F. Luther.
Sam, an intelligent Mulatto, A. Jerome Johnson.
David Jones, always homesick, T. W Stevenson.
Pat Murphy, a son of the Emerald Isle, George W. Corey.
Jim, a Contraband, Henry P. Doyle.
Emma Bailey, a true Union girl, Mary Pellet.
Mrs. Bailey, in mortal fear of the Yankees, Jennie M. Abbott.
Tableaux, Union Soldiers, Confederates, Negroes, etc., etc.

Alice Bailey as the little "rebel" electrified the audience by her peerless singing and acting.

Edwin A. Lewis in the crucial test of forsaking the "Old Flag" or losing the love of his betrothed, asserted his loyalty in a manner that made the hall ring with applause.

E. W. Winter as a captain in the Union, displayed his strategy in love as well as war.

G. Clarence Winter, as a confederate officer, finely characterized the haughty and unscrupulous spirit of that southern chivalry we used to hear so much of before the rebellion.

John W. Bowker, always at home on the stage, acted the old-school southern planter to perfection and was frequently applauded.

A. F. Luther showed that as a sergeant of a squad of confederate soldiers, he knew just what his superior officers required of him. The intelligent Mulatto, that so frequently manifested his love for the northern soldiers in the war, was represented by A. Jerome Johnson.

T. W. Stevenson played the "always homesick" soldier to the delight of all. Geo. W. Corey perhaps had the most difficult part of the drama to perform, that of "Pat Murphy," but he did it well and the audience manifested their approval in frequent bursts of applause. Henry P. Doyle as a "Contraband"

and leader of the band of negro minstrels, kept the house in an nproar while acting his part. Miss Mary Pellet proved her fidelity to the Union cause in the most trying circumstances and played her part as a true "Union girl" with brilliancy and an excellent comprehension of the part. Miss Jennie Abbott, as all knew she would, acted the part assigned her with consummate skill and a fidelity that would do one to the manner born credit.

Since writing the above we have been informed that Geo. W. Corey learned the part of "Pat Murphy" after 7 o'clock Tuesday evening. If we remember correctly he was prompted but once.

Wednesday evening Miss Emma Dresser sang the "Star Spangled Banner" in the prologue, and was loudly applauded at its close. Among out of-town visitors were a party of fifteen from Oxford, Wednesday night.

The hall was literally packed last night.

Feb. 18. 1887.

Otis Lane of Ware, a brother of the late Dea. S. M. Lane of this town and a native of Sturbridge, died suddenly Friday morning last at his home in Ware, of heart disease. He was in this town Wednesday of last week and returned home by the way of Charlton. While in town he complained of not feeling as well as usual. The carriage ride over the rough and frozen ground to Charlton depot may have hastened his death which took place in about twenty four hours after leaving here. Mr. Lane was an active, energetic business man and a shrewd and thoughtful manager of a bank in Ware, with which institution he had been connected many years. He was in his 74th year at the time of his death.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

Brief Mention.

Concert at the Baptist church this evening.

There was a social dance at Masonic hall last Friday evening.

A social dance will be held in Dresser small hall this evening.

Miss Mary L., daughter of Thomas Potter died yesterday in Boston.

Pierpont Edwards, of Boston, visited friends in town this week.

News agent Dakin at the postoffice has all the New York dailies for sale.

The rain storm of last Friday cleared the fields of snow and ruined the sleighing.

Our local dealers in valentines report the sales of the season thus far as being less than in previous years.

Charles T. Barber contemplates building a house next season on his lot on Dresser street extension.

Mrs. Perley Simpson, the mother of Hiram Simpson, died last Saturday at the advanced age of 87 years.

St. Mary's Temperance Aid society will give a dramatic exhibition in one of our public halls St. Patrick's night.

The John A. Marcy buildings on Central street are being repainted and in addition the barn is being reshingled

The G. A. R. Post and Woman's Relief Corps netted a clean one hundred and fifty dollars from their play last week.

A perusal of the program of the concert at the Baptist church this evening is an assurance of an excellent entertainment.

The public library will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, (Feb. 22 and 23,) for the annual examination of books.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dearborn, the mother of Mrs. Geo. G. Bulfinch, died last Sunday. Her remains were taken to Plymouth, N. H., for burial.

Large quantities of eggs are being brought into market and the price of such has a downward tendency. The retail price is 28 cents a dozen.

The Southbridge Printing company have purchased of the Hamilton Woolen company a complete set of mandrels and a considerable number of copper rollers.

Blanchard Brothers will move into the store formerly occupied by J. J. Oakes in Whitford's block April 1. Extra bargains are offered in order to reduce their stock previous to removal.

Chas. W. Williams and Ichabod Badger tried their luck fishing on Mashapaug pond, Monday, and secured a string of remarkably handsome pickerel. One of them weighed 3 pounds and 3 ounces.

John Adams a former resident has returned to town and purchased the business of Frank Bonnette. Mr. Bonnette anticipates entering the dry goods business in Manchester, N. H. He will retain his residence in town.

The High School Atheneum have elected the following named officers: President, Theresa M. Monroe; vice-president, Bertha L. King; secretary, Herman S. Cheney; executive committee, Beryl Oakes, Blanche E. Winter, Edith Cheney.

Thomas Monaghan, jr., has recently been relieved from a very distressing tumorous sore that had gathered on his chin. It first made its appearance four years ago. He consulted one physician after another in this town, Worcester and Boston but obtained no relief. About three months ago he conceived the idea that the sore might be the result of a bad tooth and acting on the impulse of this thought, he consulted Dr. Silva who at once told him that two of his teeth caused the trouble. These were extracted, and the sore immediately commenced to heal and now there is scarcely a sign of it remaining. Mr Monaghan paid out from first to last a large sum of money for medical treatment to say nothing about lost time all of which availed nothing except the last treatment. Dr. Silva's bill was 75 cents. As would be expected Mr. Monaghan's gratitude for the doctor is without measure.

Our Baptist friends have spared no pains to give us an entertainment this evening well worthy of our patronage. We should accept their invitation and fill the pews. The following is the program of the concert:

GLEE.—"Morning Wanderings," *Durrner*
Choir.

DUET.—"Maying," *Smith*
Miss Searles and Mr. Cook.

READING.—Selected.
Miss Taylor.

SOLO.—"Song of the Sea," *Eayrs*
Mr. Winter.

QUARTET.—"Steady, pull together," *Keyes*
Miss Searles, Mrs. Guy, Mr. Cook and Mr. Winter.

CLARINET SOLO.—"Grand Fantasy," *Brepsant*
Mr. Geer.

SOLO.—"Le Printemps," *Mattei*
Miss Searles.

DUET.—"When Golden Phoebus, etc.," *Nicolai*
Mrs. Carpenter and Mr. Winter.

SOLO.—"True to the last," *Adams*
Mr. Cook.

READING.—Selected.
Miss Taylor.

SOLO.—"The Flower Girl," *Anon*
Mrs. Guy.

QUARTET.—"O'er the Meadows," *Cramer*
Miss Searles, Mrs. Guy, Mr. Cook and Mr. Winter.

CLARINET SOLO.—"Air Romantique," *Thornton*
Mr. Geer.

SOLO AND CHORUS.—"Marvelous Work," *Haydn*

Personal.

Geo. H. Hartwell is off for a few days' pleasure trip.

Arthur G. Call of Danielsonville was in town this week.

Wm. McKee has gone to New York for a few days' outing.

Albert Underwood is at home for a few days from Worcester.

Mrs. J. B. Raitt of Fitchburg is the guest of Miss Carrie Clemence.

The Town's Necrology For 1886.

The total number of those that lived in this town that answered death's call during the year 1886 was 155 as against 126 during the year previous. The mortality of the past year will long be remembred; as from amongst us departed many of those who had identified themselves with the upbuilding and general prosperity of the place. Of the names comprising the death roll six had lived to an age between 80 and 90 years. Among these the oldest was Fanny H. Clough who died at the age of 88 years and 3 months. Fourteen persons died between the ages of 70 and 80 years. Twenty persons between the ages of 60 and 70 years. While 32 of the number died under the age of one year. Of the whole number of deaths 56 or more than one third died of diseases of the lungs. Brain fever, convulsions, cholera-morbus and scarletina are named as the diseases that carried off most of the children.

Jan. 2, Heliodore Guillett, 1 yr. 10 mos.
11, Domethilde LeHereux, 2 yrs. 2 mos. 16 dys.
12, Pascal J. Laundry, 1 yr. 7 dys.
14, Bessie C. Comberbach, 2 mos. 4 dys.
20, Joseph Champagne, 1 yrs. 1 mos. 9 dys.
Feb. 5, John Schesler, 45 yrs.
6, Annie Lovely, 3yrs. 6 mos.
9, Theresa Hefner, 21 yrs. 11 mos.
13, Daniel Whitford, 68 yrs.
14, Lesim Shassie, 27 yrs, 8 mos.
14, James Clark, 47 yrs.
16, Rex Coleman Lyman, 2 mos. 18 dys.
17, Josephine LaPage, 26 yrs.
18, Margaret Fitzpatrick, 6 mos.
19, Joseph Momenie, 1 yr. 2 mos.
20, Katie Viola Kilton, 10 mos.
23, Patrick Ward, 28 yrs.
27, Josephine Shaw, 2 yrs. 27 dys.
28, Joseph Choinard, 21 yrs.
Mar. 3, Elany Horton, 73 yrs.
5, Euclid Lusignan, 2 yrs. 1 mo. 18 dys.
7, Huldah G. Pratt, 72 yrs. 4mos. 8 dys.
11, Grace Inez Fisher, 1 yr. 2 dys.
12, Fanny H. Clough, 88 yrs. 3 mos.
12, John Bourke, 1 dy.
27, Thomas N. Harding, 77 yrs. 4 mos. 15 dys.
31, Jeanette C. Crawford, 44 yrs.
31, Hannah Lovely, 2 yrs. 7 dys.
Apr. 1, James H. Splan, 3 mos.
3, Marceline Bassett, 66 yrs.
6, Moses Gasseaux, 7 mos.
8, Lewis Eccleston, 34 yrs. 3 mos.
8, Lucie Potevin, 32 yrs.
8, Celina Martin, 23 yrs. 9 dys.
10, J. Ann Thayer, 76 yrs.
15, Alfred Richard, 4 mos.
21, Daniel B. Perry, 78 yrs. 6 mos.
21, Samuel F. Freeman, 64 yrs. 5 mos. 5 dys.
22, Warren W. Armes, 44 yrs.
25, Augustus Plante, 46 yrs. 6 mos.
26, Leonard Cutler, 49 yrs.
26, Elina Renaud, 5 yrs. 1 mo. 4 dys.
26, Florence St. Martin, 71 yrs.
28, Cordelia A. Phillips, 49 yrs.
29, Jas. H. Cooper, 2 yrs. 5 mos. 20 dys.
May 5, George Shaw, 9 mos. 18 dys.
6, Eva St. Clair Bacon, 26 yrs.
7, Jennie Ladgers, 1 mo. 18 dys.
8, Amelia H. Whitford, 85 yrs. 11 mos.
10, Olivier Potevin, 40 yrs.
13, Thomas Coldrick, 29 yrs.
15, Adele Richer, 9 mos.
19, Mary Hewett, 50 yrs.
20, Mary T. Guirk, 24 yrs. 7 mos.
22, Patrick Delehanty, 53 yrs. 2 mos. 5 dys.
26, Narcisse LeClair, 1 yr. 6 mos.
28, Rose Alina Berry, 8 mos.
29, Thomas Holden, 71 yrs. 5 mos.
June 1, James N. Connor, 72 yrs. 8 mos.
3, Bethiah R. Cheney, 82 yrs. 3 mos.
3, Nazarice Dufaux, 6 mos.
5, Julia M. Hoben, 24 yrs. 11 mos.
5, Louisa J. Schesler, 45 yrs.
6, Catherine Porrier, 21 yrs. 1 mo. 23 dys.
10, Mary Lavallee, 76 yrs.
11, John Lunian, 1 yr. 4 mos.
16, Sophie Ludgers, 30 yrs.
16, William Edwards, 76 yrs.
17, Daniel F. Newell, 85 yrs. 6 mos.
18, Joseph Hodges, 59 yrs. 4 mos.
18, Joseph D. Senecal, 3 dys.
22, Odile Tremblay, 35 yrs.
23, Elenors St. Onge, 68 yrs, 3 mos.
26, Henry Reno, 6 hours.
30, Napoleon Collette, 16 yrs. 4 mos.
July 2, Prudence H. Perry, 76 yrs.
2, Ellen Donais, 18 dys.
3, Mary Ritchie, 1 yr. 3 mos.
4, Albisa Barie, 5 yrs. 6 mos.
13, Samuel Newell, 68 yrs.
17, ——Proulx, 2 hours.
17, Mathew Coldrick, 66 yrs.
17, John M. Kremmen, 41 yrs. 2 mos.
27, Irving H. Clarke, 12 yrs.
28, Thomas Wintroph Harding 50 yrs.
30, Mary Ann Herber, 41 yrs.
31, Mary Dolan, 61 yrs.
31, Hannah H. McKinstry, 65 yrs. 2 mos.
Aug. 1, Celeste Shaw, 67 yrs.
3, Albert L. Chamberlain, 36 yrs. 9 mos. 27 dys.
12, Harlan Hyde Tiffany, 3 yrs. 9 mos.
12, Georgiana Laroque, 2 yrs.
16, John E. Hefner, 2 mos.
21, George W. Proulx, 2 mos. 2 dys.
24, Nellie Peloquin, 3 yrs. 8 mos.
24, Phillipe Bouthilette, 13 yrs.
26, Amelie Renaud, 2 yrs.
27, Celina Therina, 15 yrs.
29, Lawrence Tully, 67 yrs.
Sept. 2, Marceline Supernant, 57 yrs.
6, Rose E. Caplette, 2 yrs. 20 dys.
6, Lyman Chamberlain, 61 yrs. 9 mos.
8, Hattie C. Mandigo, 36 dys.
8, Lena Bertrand, 59 yrs.
9, John B. Lamothe, 78 yrs.
9, William Frisbie, 67 yrs.
14, Clara Collette, 1 mo. 14 dys.
18, John L. Keenan, 9 yrs. 2 mos. 19 dys.
21, Alice Martel, 2 yrs.
21, Margaret Earle, 9 mos.
22, Narcisse A. LeClair, 9 mos.
26, Julia Delage, 65 yrs. 9 mos.
29, Mary Whalen, 43 yrs.
29, Charles Morrill 9 yrs. 14 dys.
Oct. 2, Flavien Champagne, 7 yrs. 1 mo. 10 dys.
10, Azelina Bachand, 9 yrs. 11 dys.
11, Marie R. A. L'Homme, 2 yrs. 5 mos. 2 dys.
14, Catherine Foley, 33 yrs.
15, Louis Martin, 18 yrs. 7 mos. 9 dys.
15, Valentine Demerse, 20 yrs. 16 dys.
26, Mary C. Vinton, 7 dys.
30, Joseph H. Williams, 77 yrs. 2 mos.
Nov. 2, Stanislaus Labosiere, 24 yrs.
6, Samuel M. Lane, 80 yrs.
12, Harriet Holmes, 69 yrs. 6 mos.
13, Alvin Powers, 87 yrs. 6 mos.
14, Bridget Ryan, 61 yrs.
18, Sophia Wheat, 87 yrs. 4 mos.
21, Annie Riley, 2 yrs. 8 mos.
24, Augustine Labosiere, 10 yrs. 9 mos.
24, Maggie May Beatty, 2 yrs. 4 mos.
24, Caroline A. Baylies, 64 yrs.
29, Libya M. Litchfield, 67 yrs. 3 mos. 25 dys.
29, Thomas Powers, 7 yrs. 6 mos.
29, Alice Cullen, 43 yrs.
Dec. 2, Joseph Leduc, 10 mos.
6, Samuel Martel, 32 yrs. 4 mos. 1dy.
11, Clara Larriault, 5 mos.
12, Delia Martel, 6 yrs. 7 mos.
12, James Pickles, 38 yrs.
14, Elizabeth Hayes, 23 dys.
17, Thomas Kelley, 62 yrs. 3 mos.
18, Celina Stone, 3 yrs. 6 mos.
18, Joseph Ferrin, 9 mos.
22, Sophia Tatro, 47 yrs.
22, Edmund F. Tiffany, 62 yrs.
25, Lovell Putney, 62 yrs.
27, Marion Hartwell, 4 yrs.

The East St. Louis Beef company report business as opening very satisfactorily at their Southbridge branch. The meat which they sell is received in an export refrigerator car which is supposed to be entirely air-tight. At either end of the car is placed a tier of ice which in warm weather is replenished every day. The time of transit from East St. Louis to Southbridge is four and a half days. The temperature of the car and of the room in which it is stored is kept just above the freezing point as a severe freezing of the meat injures its color. Everything at the store-house of the company is kept scrupulously neat and clean. It is difficult to realize, so fresh does the meat look, that it has taken the long journey it has. Feb. 1887.

Among the Churches.

"The Character of Abraham" was the subject of Rev. Mr. Magwire's sermon last Sunday morning.

The subject of the sermon at the gospel service at the Baptist church Sunday evening will be "An Impossibility."

The Baptist church Sunday school at the present date has the largest membership in its history, there being 202 names on its register.

At the Union church last Sunday Rev. Mr. Hayward preached from Luke vii:22. The regular young people's meeting was held in the evening.

The annual sale and supper of the ladies of the Universalist society will take place Thursday evening, March 3d. Further information in our next issue.

Rev. Gedeon Aubin of Worcester, a convert from Roman Catholicism, will lecture in the Baptist church Thursday evening, Feb. 24 at 7 30, on the subject, "The Roman Catholic church: Is it christian or pagan?" The public is invited.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The second informal talk will be given at the rooms next Friday eve., Feb. 25th by J. M. Cochran, esq., on "Sights across the continent." All members with their lady friends are cordially invited; and none should fail to attend, as the talk will be full of entertainment and interest.

A unique and pleasing entertainment will be given in the gymnasium next Tuesday evening for the enjoyment of the members of the boy's branch, and others who they may be privileged to invite. This is a new departure in this branch of the association work, but probably will be hailed with delight by those for whom it is intended to benefit. A more complete notice will be given at the boy's meeting at the rooms Sunday afternoon.

From 8 to 9 o'clock next Monday evening there will be a meeting for men only, to which all men are cordially invited. Topic: "What a man loses and gains in becoming a Christian," Col. iii:1-15.

Meeting for boys only at the usual hour Sunday afternoon.

At the next meeting of the board of managers it is intended to have present all the "Donating" members that they may have an opportunity to learn of the progress of the work and the good results that come through their generous aid: while information is given in interesting reports from the chairman of the various committee.

Dr. J. A. Letourneau denies the report circulated by interested parties that he is about to leave town. He says Southbridge is good enough for him to live in and he is perfectly satisfied with the encouragement he receives.

Frank E. Parker is taking an extended trip through the west. He will visit Kansas, Minnesota and Dakota. When he returns he intends bringing with him a car load of those noble animals which W. H. H. Murray designates as the "perfect horse."

Rev. Dryden W. Phelps, who has preached some in the churches of this vicinity, was ordained Feb. 16 as pastor in Wilmington, Vt. His father, S. Dryden Phelps, D. D., preached the sermon.

Wm. H. Searles, superintendent of the Hamilton Woolen company's mills is recovering from a ten days' sickness.

Irving A. Brown of Danielsonville, Ct., a former resident of this town visited friends in this place the past week.

Mrs. Fred E. Puffer of Boston is spending a few days at the Dresser house, the guest of her friend, Mrs. Frank E Parker.

Mrs. Frank E. Parker and her sister, Miss Emma Dresser, start next week with Providence friends on a trip to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

Phineas Stedman of Chicopee, a noted breeder of Short-horn cattle and member of the Board of Control of the Agricultural college and who for many years was a member of the State Board of Agriculture, was the guest of Geo. L. Clemence this week.

In our report of the G. A. R. play last week, we inadvertently omitted to state that the part of "Pat Murphy" was taken by J. W. Flanagan the last night of the exhibition. The part was originally assigned to him but a sore throat kept him from acting it until Thursday evening.

Phenix Council R. A., is reported as being in the most prosperous condition it has been since its organization. Its membership has received accessions at each of its recent regular meetings. In view of the flattering success of its recent social, there is some talk among the members of having another one ere long.

W. H. H. Murray.

As there will be no public celebration hereabouts of Washington's birthday, Tuesday next, it can be remembered in a very befitting manner, by attending the reading of W. H. H. Murray in Dresser Opera house. Speaking of this reading the *Boston Herald* says:

Mr. Murray is certainly one of the most fascinating speakers of the present day. He has lost none of his old-time power to hold and delight an audience. His celebrated story, "How John Norton, the Trapper, kept his Christmas," which he gives as one of his Adirondack readings, is a beautiful piece of literary work. The humor and pathos of it are mingled as in everyday life. It is literature pure and undefiled, without an echo from other writings and must surely win for itself a place among those creations of genius which the world does not willingly let die.—*Boston Herald.*

And this from the *St. Johnsbury Republican:*

I have attended all sorts of public meetings for the last fifty years," said a well-known citizen, after Mr. Murray's readings in Music hall last evening, "but I never saw an audience so intent upon a person's words or so interested as they were tonight. Why, every moment he was reading you could have heard a pin drop; and his effort was worthy the attention it received—it was simply magnificent.—*St. Johnsbury Repnblican.*

G. A. Millay, of Taunton, general agent of the Berkshire Life Insurance company is in town this week, and has paid to Alphonse Deslauriers the sum of $2024.93, the proceeds of an insurance policy upon the life of his father-in-law. Horace D. Colburn, who died in Ballston, N. Y., last month.

Samuel Williams picked in his garden yesterday a bunch of pansies, all of which were in full bloom. The largest one of the lot measured 2 1-2 inches across it. Mr. Williams strain of pansies is one of the very finest in the state; for years he has devoted great care and skill to its improvement by hybridization and special culture.

At the social of the U. S. club last Monday, at the home of Miss Ida Plimpton, an unusually large number of us members were present and all report as having an exceptional good time. After the regular business of the meeting had been transacted the time was given over to the sports and pastimes, incident to such occasions, which likewise included skating and the participation in a genuine old fashioned molasses candy pull.

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SOUTHBRIDGE.

Brief Mention.

Chin Sam, laundry-man, has a new sign.

All of the schools in town closed Tuesday.

The post-office was closed from 1 p. m. till 6 p. m., Tuesday.

Chas. Ross was injured Wednesday in the Southbridge print-works.

Both of the optical company's works were closed to business Tuesday.

Only an occasional stray shot has yet been heard in the coming spring election.

A social dance in Dresser small hall Monday evening was attended by twenty-five couple.

There has been altogether too much drunkenness on our streets during the present week.

The river has nearly worn a channel through the ice in the New and Central mills' ponds.

Rev. Mr. Donahue has become the owner of a fine horse which he purchased of Wm. Power.

Be sure and pay your taxes for 1886 on or before Feb. 28, if you would not get your name into the town report.

Sore lips is an epidemic with the young people in town. What's the cause? Cold, windy weather brings *chaps* to the lips.

Jas. West will sell at public auction next Friday, at 1 o'clock, p. m., at his residence on Pleasant street, all of his household goods and furniture.

Mrs. Moses Gagnon fell on the frozen ground near her house last Friday morning and was severely injured. She was attended by Dr. Literneau.

Blue-birds, robins, thunder-showers, April-like snow storms, and last but not least a hand-organ, are the unmistakable signs about town of the approaching spring.

Edwards Opera house was crowded Tuesday evening, to witness the playing of "Michel Strogoff" by the Cercle Canadien. The proceeds are to be devoted to charity.

Medical Examiner Bulfinch was called to Webster Monday, to inquire into a case of alleged mal practice. The evidence given was not of sufficient strength to warrant further proceedings.

The concert of the Nashville students at Dresser Opera house, Wednesday evening, was listened to by a good sized audience. The singing of the melodies pertaining to their race was unique and pleasing.

We notice that many of the G. A. R. Posts in the state have engaged their Memorial day orators. We trust those having the business in charge, will see to it that Southbridge will have a good speaker for that occasion.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. John Comins on Tuesday, March 1, at 3 o'clock. Subject to be discussed will be on "Home Influence." The meetings are increasing in interest and in attendance. All women are cordially invited.

A writer in the current number of the *Oxford Mid-Weekly*, who formed one of the party from that town that visited the recent G. A. R. play, speaks in unmeasured praise of the local orchestra. He says it was worth the journey to hear them play.

The teams of Master Cheney Wells and E. M. Phillips collided on Dresser street Wednesday evening. Young Cheney was thrown from his buggy but landed on his feet and received no personal injury. No damage was done to either horses or teams.

On the first day of last July Rev. Mr. Hayward married James Pickles and Miss Elizabeth Garside also Frank Converse and Miss Callina L. Vinton. It is a noticable co-incidence that two of these persons have since died. Mr. Pickles died Dec. 12th, and Mrs. Converse last Saturday.

The body of Miss Mary L. Potter, whose death was noticed in last week's paper, occurred at Boston last Thursday, was brought to this town on Friday. The funeral was at the residence of her parents on Central street, Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Magwire officiating. Miss Potter died of pneumonia.

While Alfred M. Plimpton, accompanied by his mother and brother Henry, were returning to their home Wednesday evening, their carriage collioed with another on West street. Mr. Plimpton, mother and brother were thrown to the ground, but he luckily hung to the reins, and after being dragged some distance, stopped his horse. Fortunately no serious harm occurred.

The reading of Mr. Murray in Dresser Opera house, Tuesday evening, was fairly attended. The story is a graphic description of nature's scenes but so long in its narration as to tire an audience, nearly two hours being required to read it. Scarcely no more enthusiasm was created by the reader than is done by the preaching of the ordinary sermon, yet there were snatches of the old time fire and brilliancy of the former Murray.

Personal.

John W. McKinstry made a flying visit to his home Tuesday.

Mrs. J. M. Cochran is slowly recovering from a quite serious sickness.

Mrs. L. F. Higgins, a former resident, is visiting relatives in town.

Frank P. Kelley was home from his school in Boston over the Sabbath.

Miss Annie Marble visited friends and relatives in Webster last week.

Miss R. P. Paige is at her home in New Market, N. H., for a few weeks.

Mrs. H. N. Carpenter sang in a concert in Willimantic, Ct., Tuesday evening.

W. C. F. Foster, assistant editor of the *Milford Gazette*, was in town last Saturday.

John Cruft, a former resident of this town, visited this place during the present week.

Miss Genevive Williams is visiting her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, in Danielsonville, Ct.

Mrs. Chas. Parker of Worcester is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Taunt, on High street.

Dr. Geo. W. Bates is in a slightly improved condition, but is still unable to walk without the use of crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Goodell of Wethersfield, Ct., were in town this week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Wolcott.

Among the invited guests at a public meeting of the Providence Y. M. C. A. Wednesday evening was Geo. W. Wells of this town.

Thos. L. Paton of this town and a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., is a member of the class that graduates next week.

Herbert E. Wells spent last Sabbath in town. He is in charge of one of the departments of Bryant & Stratton's Commercial college in Boston, having eighty-six scholars under his supervision.

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Y. W. C. T. U.

The young ladies will hold their next social reception Monday, Feb. 28, in Masonic hall. Guests will be received at 8 p. m. and presented to a number of characters from Longfellow who will honor us with their presence. Entertainment at 9 p. m. Each member is requested to bring one friend. The girls branch are invited to be present. Rehearsal Saturday at 8 p. m. The usual young ladies' meeting Thursday at 4 p. m. in the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

The young ladies' meeting yesterday afternoon was full of interest. Missionary news from different fields of labor now reached. Mrs. Geo. Keith favored us with a very interesting talk on foreign missions for which the union extends thanks.

Among the Churches.

The Baptist Social circle meets in the vestry this evening at 6 o'clock.

Last Sabbath Rev. Mr. Danielson preached from 1 Thess. v:22 and Deut. xxii: 24.

Religious services were held in the Catholic churches, Wednesday morning and evening.

The ladies of the Union church society held a social at the vestry of the church last evening.

At the Baptist church last Sunday morning, Rev. G. Easterbrook preached from the text Phil. iv:8.

At the Union church last Sabbath Rev. S. Hayward, the pastor, preached from the text, Matt. iii:10.

Subject of sermon at the gospel service at the Baptist church Sunday evening, "Wise unto Salvation."

The pastors of the evangelical churches in town preached upon "Temperance" last Sunday morning.

Gospel song service at the Congregational church next Sabbath evening. Subject of the address, "Lot's Wife."

After the 1st of March, the regular Wednesday evening prayer meeting at the Union church, will be led by the older male members in turn.

Next Sunday evening the Universalist Church Sunday school will give a Longfellow concert, for which extensive and elaborate preparations have been made.

The heavy storm of last Friday evening, alone prevented a large audience from assembling at the Baptist church to listen to the concert, as an admirable program had been announced.

A pleasing and successful concert was given at the Union church last Sabbath by the Sunday school which was attended by a goodly number. The subject of the concert was "Beware of strong drink." After the singing of a hymn by the choir, Mr. Bugbee, the superintendent of the school, read the 35th chapter of Jeremiah. Prayer was then offered by the pastor, which was followed by the singing of the Lord's Prayer by the choir. Responsive reading of scripture relating to the subject formed a leading feature of the concert. The first of the responsive readings was made doubly interesting by the speaking of a neat little piece by Miss Nettie Stone, then a chorus of twenty odd girl voices led by Miss Sadie Bugbee gave a temperance song, and while singing some twenty five boys marched up the eastern aisle of the church following a banner on which was inscribed the legend "Tremble tyrants for we shall grow up." When the boys had taken their position in front of and facing the audience Frank Horton in a voice as clear as crystal gave an interpretation of the historical legend of the banner. The other exercises of the concert included the recitation of pieces by Master Willie Howland, Alvah Hyde, Miss Sadie Bugbee, John Hall and Miss Alice Booth. The singing of several songs by the chorus of girl voices, responsive readings, singing by the choir, remarks by the pastor. The concert closed by the singing of "Jesus Lover of my Soul" by the congregation and benediction by the pastor.

Church Social.

The ladies of the Congregational society held an unusually successful sociable at the residence of Mrs. H. A. Smith on Everett street last evening. Aside from the customary proceedings of such meetings a genuine literary treat was given in the carrying out of the following program:

Charade.
Duet—"The Pilot,"
Messrs. Allen and Monroe.
Quartette—"Spring song,"
Miss Carrie Stone, Miss Annie Cummings, C. D. Monroe and J. C. F. Wheelock.
Duet—"O'er the hill and o'er the dale,"
Miss Annie Cummings and Miss Josie Carpenter.

Interspersed between the charade and songs were readings by Miss Nellie A. Vinton.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Regular monthly business meeting of the association Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Applications for membership will be received at that time. Young men joining now can avail themselves of the two excellent concerts which conclude this season's star course.

Young men's meeting at the usual hour Monday evening. Topic: "How do we know the Lord is my Shepherd?" Psa. xxiii, John x:4. All men are cordially welcome.

Usual meeting for boys only at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The committee on work among boys planned and carried through a most successful social for boys which was held in the rooms last Tuesday evening, there being some 75 present. The evening's program was begun with a stereopticon exhibition conducted by Channing Wells, he explaning and commenting on the various views; at the conclusion of this exercise the boys were invited to partake of some of the good things from the association pantry, and after doing justice to that, the remaining time was spent in the gymnasium.

Remember all members with their lady or gentleman friends are invited to the rooms this (Friday) evening to hear the informal talk by J. M. Cochran, esq., on "Sights across the continent." Eight o'clock is the hour.

The next quarterly meeting of the board of managers occurs on Tuesday evening the 8th. Chairmen of the several committees are reminded to prepare reports of their work to be presented at said meeting.

George McVey and Reuben Herron were guests of the Boston Y. M. C. A. Tuesday evening to witness the gymnastic exhibition given before a large audience in association hall.

Probably in the near future an illustrated lecture on "Association Buildings" will be given in the Edwards Opera house. As soon as a definite date is fixed and other arrangements made a future notice will be given.

Geo. W. Wells attended a meeting of the State Executive committee held Wednesday with the Providence association. This association has raised already $113,000 of the $150,000 which they plan to secure for a building.

The Y. M. C. A. state convention of N. Y. held during the past week had nearly 700 delegates and was the largest and most successful of any yet held in the history of associations.

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Y. M. C. A. Notes.

This is the topic for the young men's meeting next Monday evening from 8 to 9 o'clock: "From sin to salvation," Read John iv:6 29. A cordial invitation is extended to all men.

Usual meeting for boys Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The annual conference of the New England secretaries is being held this week with the Cambridge association.

COMMITTEE'S REPORTS.

In the parlors of the association Tuesday evening a goodly number of the chairmen of the various committees, together with invited guests assembled to listen to the reports on the different departments of the association, for the quarter ending. President Wells presided, P. T. Litchfield offered prayer, after the close of which the president stated to the guests the object of the managers in extending to them the present invitation, was that they might see and hear for themselves the methods of conducting the spiritual and secular affairs of the association.

As the different reports were being made a stranger listening to them could but be impressed with the thoroughness of the organization of the association. Every department it seems is under some competent head who sees to it that the duties assigned it are faithfully discharged. So signal has been the success of our association that it has become known all over the country for its strength, vigor and general efficiency. This is owing undoubtedly to its excellent and complete organization.

The reports of the heads of departments were most encouraging and satisfactory. Nothing is stagnant, but on the contrary all is life, growth and advancement. At the close of the hearing of the reports, a generous collation was served by the ladies' auxiliary. The extent of the help and encouragement given by the ever willing and generous words and actions of the lady friends of the association, are sincerely appreciated by the association.

It will interest many JOURNAL readers to know that Mrs. Ralph Dwight has been twice to Boston to sing in an old folk's concert. The first, Feb. 18, and at a repetition March 3. Mrs. Dwight is mother of Mrs. Franklin Jacobs, whose voice has been heard often in church and concerts here and elsewhere. Mrs. Dwight in her younger days sang in the Boston choir, and her clear, musical tones were highly esteemed; and now at four score, the papers said of her that she did not seem so old by twenty years; the young nightingale still is an element of her guardian spirit. She is a good illustration of the truth, that constant cheerfulness disarms old age. One thus disposed can retain all the youthfulness ever had till the last days of life, and then the society of such is ever a pleasure and blessing to all they have to do with.

Personal.

Mrs. James Green is quite seriously sick.

Mrs. Simeon Marsh is sick with pneumonia.

Samuel S. Perry was in town over the Sabbath.

Nathan McKinstry is confined to his house by sickness.

Mrs. Katie Fiske visited friends in town the past week.

Miss Belle Hayward is visiting relatives in New Hampshire.

Geo. Hinchcliffe a former resident spent last Sabbath in town.

Mrs. A. M. Cheney is visiting friends in Providence, R. I.

Hiram Morse is quite sick with a threatened attack of pneumonia.

D. A. Reeves of Leicester, a former townsman, visited this place Tuesday.

Miss Ida Plimpton is visiting relatives and friends in Boston for a few weeks.

Miss Florence Goodspeed of Laconia, N. H. is the guest of Mrs. Geo. W. Wells.

It is J. E. Ellis and not J. E. Allen that has entered the employ of Wm. H. Clarke.

H. A. Hargraves has resigned as local manager of the telephone exchange.

Mrs. H. S. Vaughn has been quite sick the past week, but is now somewhat better.

Manson Morse is confined to the house with what is feared to be a slight paralytic shock.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitford of Leicester, well known former residents are visiting in town.

C. D. Paige left town last Friday to join a company of Boston capitalists in an excursion to the southern states.

In 1849 a deposit of $19 was made in the savings bank at Dover, N. H. It remained in the bank until the other day, when the book was presented and the account closed by the payment of $95.83. To off set that and encourage saving in Southbridge, we will say, in 1859 a youth put $10 in the the Southbridge Savings bank, in 1860 he added $2, no more, and in January 1887 he drew out $50 on the book leaving a small sum still to his credit i. e. $1.50. Which was the best investment? (Pupils of the schools in town are invited to answer)

At the annual meeting of the First Baptist society Tuesday evening the officers for the succeeding year were elected as follows:

Clerk—H. C. Wells.
Treasurer—Augustus Cook.
Collector—L. E. Ammidown.
Prudential Com.—A. M. Cheney, H. C. Wells, Augustus Cook, O. J. Aldrich, J. A. White.

The treasurer's report showed that all bills were paid and a balance in the treasury. The committee are to meet at 1 o'clock p. m. Fast day. The sale of pews will occur Fast day at 3 p. m.

A brilliant social reception was given by Miss Carrie Cheney at her residence on Chestnut street Tuesday evening in honor of her guest, Miss M. Louise Kiff of Albany, N. Y. It was attended by many of the society young people of the town and the costumes worn by the ladies were elaborate and tasteful. The evening was spent in the participation of the customary games, and entertainments, music etc. The repast was gotten up by Worcester's peerless caterer, Mr. Zihonyi. Miss Kiff left for her home Wednesday afternoon.

The Young People's Union of the Methodist Episcopal church held a very pleasant sociable at James H. Sanders's at Sandersdale on Tuesday evening. A large number was present and each lady provided a basket lunch which was sold at auction to the gentlemen. The baskets were numbered and the ladies given a duplicate. After the sale the numbers were matched and the contents quickly disappeared. A committee was chosen to investigate the purchase of a pipe-organ. A novel public gathering is in contemplation Watch for it.

At the Universalist church last Sabbath morning, Rev. Mr. Magwire's subject was, "The Sacrifice of Isaac."

Rev. Mr. Danielson lectured last evening before the students of Wellesley college on "Character Building."

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Albert L. Macomber a former resident and active member of the fire department is now living in Bridgeport, Conn.

Mrs. Henry C. Cady and daughters, Edith and Nettie, leave town today for a week's sojourn with relatives in Providence, R. I.

Miss E. P. Burton is at her home in Danielsonville, Ct., for a two weeks vacation. Miss Booth of Millville will be at the telegraph office during Miss Burton's abscence.

B. W. Paton leaves this afternoon for Baltimore, Md., where he will be the guest of his brother, Thomas L. Paton. Before Mr. Paton returns home he will visit Washington, Philadelphia and New York.

John M. Cochran has received and accepted an invitation from E. E. Sturtevant, Post G. A. R., Concord, N. H., to deliver the Memorial day address in that city. Sturtevant Post is one of the largest in the state of New Hampshire.

Jas. West is visiting relatives in Somerville this week. He intends to start for Lenora, Kansas, next Wednesday. Miss Minnie West will reside with her sister, Mrs. Frank Pelton, for a couple of months before going to Kansas.

Chas. E. Hayward, a clerk in H. T. Hyde's store for the past year, has returned to his home in New Hampshire for the purpose of attending school. Mr. Hayward is one of our cleanest and brightest boys and he leaves in town a host of friends whose well wishes he will always have.

Resolutions.

At the annual meeting of the "St. Louis Schools" corporation held at the residence of the treasurer Rev. James Quan in Webster on the 3d inst. The following resolutions were unanamously adopted.

It is with feelings of sincere regret that the announcement comes to the members of the corporation of "St. Louis Schools" that during the year we have lost one of our most worthy members in the person of Rev. John M. Kremmen, our highly esteemed vice-president, therefore be it,

Resolved, That by his removal from amongst us, we have lost an able and efficient officer, a kind and affectionate brother priest, a faithful friend, the perfect ideal of a geod christian, a faithful son of the church and a virtuous citizen;

Resolved, That we tender to the relatives of our deceased friend our sincere sympathy in their hour of bereavement;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of the corporation and copies sent to the *Webster Times*, *Worcester County News* and SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL, and mailed to the family of the deceased.

Y. W. C. T. U.

The regular monthly meeting of the union will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms Tuesday, March 15 at 4 p. m. Subject, "Our Badge." Prayer meeting as usual Thursday afternoon.

Among the Churches.

Lenten services are held Wednesday and Friday evenings in St. Mary's church.

Last Sunday morning at the Methodist church, the pastor preached from Mark 5:36.

Rev. Mr. Pomfret will preach in the Sandersdale school house next Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m.

At the Baptist church last Sabbath the pastor preached to his congregation from II Timothy iii:16 17.

Rev. J. Danielson preached at the Congregational church last Sabbath morning on "Why Christ Died," I Cor. xv:3.

Rev. Dr. B. K. Pierce the editor of *Zion's Herald*, will preach in the morning and give an address in the evening at the Methodist church next Sunday.

Rev. James Donahue of St. Mary's parish opened the 40 hours service called the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Irish Catholic church in Fiskdale Wednesday evening taking his text from the 26th chapter of St. Matthew.

Rev. Fr. Donahue of Thompsonville, Ct., preached at St. Mary's church Wednesday evening before a large congregation, taking as his subject "Death." The reverend gentleman is a cousin of the pastor of St. Mary's parish, and his sermon is pronounced by his hearers to have been a powerful and eloquent discourse.

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At a recent meeting of the directors and members of the Southbridge Base Ball club, the old board of directors were chosen as follows: A. W. Martin, Jas. Ryan, J. A. White, B. W. Paton, J. S. Dresser. It was left with the directors to choose a manager, and they without hesitation, chose the present efficient and successful incumbent, J. S. Dresser, with whom all arrangements for the coming season were left. With the exception of Mr. Lovely, all of the former members were hired for the coming season, with Chas. Edmonds as captain. L. H. Bradley and M. Murphy will probably be members of the club the coming season.

Home Circle.

Last Tuesday evening the members of Globe Council Home Circle surprised their worthy and efficient secretary, Miss Nellie M. Hall, at her residence on Sayles street, by walking in and taking possession of her house.

The members of this association know just how to get up and carry out an affair of this kind. Consequently they improved the occasion afforded by the return of Miss Hall's birthday to show their appreciation for her efficiency and usefulness.

Songs, recitations, readings, games, etc., were included in the evening's merriment. Worthy Leader C. H. Bigelow yielded to the urgent requests of the company and sang a number of his comic songs in his laughter-provoking and inimitable style. A birthday poem, a loving tribute to Miss Hall, and which we shall publish next week, was composed and read by Mrs. J. S. Bartlett.

The following named scholars have passed the required examination and been admitted to the high school: Florence P. Oakes, Beth W. Booth, Edna B. Litchfield, Emily J. Clemence, Ralph C. Kerley, Frank B. Cummings, Jacobina W. Taylor, John G. Clark, Martha J. Plimpton, Annie Newell, Albert B. Wells, Myron Clemence, Frank A. Herron, Alice M. Boardman, Arthur Dubey, Carrie E. Booth, James K. Egan, Genevieve S. Williams, George W. Freeman, Bertha L. Harwood, Carrie Hill.

A chimes of Mormandy clock, the making of which reflects great credit upon the skill, ingenuity and patience of its designer and maker H. W. Bacon, jr., has been exhibited this week and received the deserved admiration of all. The clock represents the façade of a cathedral rising from the globe of the roof is the main steeple at each corner is a smaller steeple, in the turrel of each of which is a bell. The figures on the dial are white on a dark ground. The hands are made of ivory and are curiously carved. The designs in scroll work which enter into the construction are unique in the extreme.

St. Mary's Total Abstinence society at its meeting last Sunday elected the following officers:

President—Henry Dinan.
Vice-President—Andrew Higgins.
Financial Secretary—Henry Caffery.
Recording Secretary—John Shields.
Treasurer—John Delehanty.
Board of Directors—John Kehoe, William Girard, John Grant, Henry Doyle.

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Y. W. C. T. U.

The second social reception of the season was given Monday evening in Masonic hall. Invited guests were received at 8 o'clock. After spending an hour or more in social conversation, playing games, etc., they were called to order by the director, E. A. Wells, who presented the following program:

Address of Welcome, Miss Nellie Vinton
Recital—"Drinking Song,"
Miss Beryl Oakes
Reading—Selections from "Evangeline,"
Miss V. M. Paine
Tableaux.
Song—"The Open Window,"
Miss Annie Cummings
Reading—Selections from "The Saga of King Olaf," Rose Letcher
Tableaux.
Reading—"Lady Wentworth,"
Miss Mary Ellis
Tableau.
Song—"The Day is Done,"
Miss Florence King
Declamation—"Luck of Edenhall,"
Harry Dresser
Reading — Selection from "Hiawatha,"
Miss Kate Edwards
Declamation, Worth Brackett
Tableau.
Song—"Daffodil Time," Mrs. E. G. Guy
Reading — Selection from "Elizabeth,"
Miss Mary Clemence
Tableau.
Reading—Selection from "Miles Standish," Miss Nellie Vinton
Tableaux.
Excelsior.
Recital—"Sandalphon," Miss Nettie Taylor
Reading—Selections from "The Spanish Student," Miss V. M. Paine
Tableaux.

The preceding program was creditably rendered. The characters from Longfellow were well assigned and impersonated by members and friends of the society. All agree that it was an evening pleasantly spent. We are happy to state that after the close of the reception, many new names were added to the membership roll. The Union extend thanks to the Masons for the use of their hall.

The regular Thursday afternoon prayer meeting will be held at 4 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. rooms next week. An earnest invitation is extended to all young women to attend.

The rhetorical exercises at the high school Wednesday afternoon were of especial interest. Aside from the songs, declamations and dialogues, the question, "Resolved: That Foreign Emmigration is Beneficial to America," was discussed by Miss Mary Boardman and Willie Bugbee for the affirmative, and John Whitaker and Miss Annie Marble for the negative side. The question was decided in favor of the negative side.

Personal.

Miss Mary Fife has returned from her New York visit.

Mrs. H. H. French visited friends in Pomfret, Ct., last week.

John O. McKinstry is reported as being quite seriously sick.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randall is very sick.

Wm. E. Horton is confined to the house by a quite severe sickness.

Mrs. Ferd Ryan is quite sick with a threatened attack of typhoid fever.

Miss Jennie Fitts is recovering from a threatened attack of typhoid fever.

J. E. Allen of Windsor, Vt., has entered the employ of Wm. H. Clarke.

Misses Sarah and Elizabeth Dana, of Lawrence, are the guests of Mrs. Tatterson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Wesley Curtis and son, Henry, visited relatives in Worcester this week.

Miss Josie Edmonds left yesterday for an extended visit to relatives in Washington.

Rev. A. B. Hervey, a former pastor of the Universalist church, was the recent guest of C. S. Edmonds.

Fred S. Beane, formerly of this town, was recently elected treasurer of the Fireman's Relief association in Manchester, N. H.

Wm. H. Turner, foreman of the wood repairing department of the Hamilton Woolen company's printworks, has left the company's employ.

Mrs. Liberty W. Litchfield (*nee* Mattie Searles) arrived in this town from New York, Wednesday evening, taking her relatives and friends entirely by surprise.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cole and Miss Ella Cole, left yesterday afternoon for an extended tour of the southern states. Their first objective point will be Atlanta, Ga., where after a few weeks sojourn they will visit Florida and other southern states.

The St. Louis *Republican* of a recent date thus speaks of a business venture of a former well known resident:

C. M. Newell and Judge Wm. Warfield and son Carlos Warfield of Chicago, arrived in the city last night on their way to Kingston, N. M., where they go for the purpose of purchasing the "Gray Eagle" silver mine. Judge Warfield is one of the prominent men of Montana, and is the owner of a number of large mines in that territory. In case the Gray Eagle is purchased by Messrs. Warfield and Newell the product of the mine will be shipped to Messrs. Block and Hartmann of this city for smelting. The Gray Eagle ore is of a peculiar grade, containing copper, sulphur and lead and of a quality not smelted either at Kingston or Socorro.

A Busy Year.

The American Optical company made and sold the past year over 1,300,000 pairs of spectacles and eyeglasses, which number gives as the production of each working minute seven and one-third pairs. The company also added to their works the past year a wing 175 feet in length, and three stories in height, and now employ 530 persons.

Annual Fair and Sale.

At the Universalist church vestry last evening the annual fair and sale of this society was largely attended. Supper was served on and after 6 o'clock and large numbers procured a plentiful supply. The various booths about the vestry were beautiful and attractive. The Japanese bazaar in charge of Miss Bertha Clarke, attired in a Japanese costume, was observed by all with pleasure and curiosity. Master Frank Dresser, also in Japanese costume, lent still further interest to the booth. An old fashioned table, presided over by Mrs. Jude McKinstry, attracted many sight-seers by its quaint appearance. The fancy articles offered were numerous and elegant.

Among the Churches.

Rev. Mr. Magwire preached last Sabbath morning from Gen. xiii:5.

Rev. Dr. J. Taylor, agent of the American Tract Society, occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church last Sabbath morning.

The Universalist Sunday school gave a very acceptable concert last Sunday evening, in commemoration of Longfellow's birthday. The audience was large, considering the weather. The following members of the school took part in the exercises: Recitations—Vannie Edwards, Etta Morse, Edna Litchfield, James Plimpton, Bertha King, Blanche E. Winter; readings—Miss Mary Ellis, W. J. Litchfield, Miss Mary Stebbins, Miss Ida Plimpton, Mrs. W. W. Hargraves; solos by Mrs. H. N. Carpenter and Miss Florence I. King.

The Biggest Yet.

The Adams Express Company brought a six pound black bass into town one morning this week, and on investigation it has been found that it was put on board the train near Webster. The inference is that some of the Southbridge Izaak Waltons now camping on an island in the Webster lake are the guilty parties. Rumors are rife that J. W. Robinson was pretty near the fish when it was taken from the water. It was left at the residence of William C. Barnes.

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The last issue of the *Somerville Journal* contains a fine portrait of Chas. S. Lincoln, published in connection with a historical sketch of the public library in that city. Mr. Lincoln married in 1856, Louise E. Plimpton of this town, daughter of Moses Plimpton and a sister of Mrs. S. C. Hartwell. They have five children, the eldest son having been a member of the city council the past year. The article referred to gives a very complete review of Mr. Lincoln's life and concludes: "Mr. Lincoln is a gentleman in every sense of the term. He is an able lawyer and is entrusted with the care of a large amount of trust property. He is as conscientious as he is honest, as polite as he is positive in his opinions. Of his deep regard for Somerville through his thirty-five years' residence and his career as a public official, there is no question."

A Springfield, Ill., paper of a recent date, contains a portrait and the subjoined personal sketch of the Hon. Albert W. Wells, a native of Woodstock, and once a member of the High school in this town. He is a brother of Hiram C. and Geo. W. Wells of this town: "Among the most prominent gentlemen in the legislature—and by the way, one of the finest looking gentlemen—is the gentleman whose picture is here presented. Mr. Wells is a member of the law firm of Emmons & Wells of Quincy, and with his prepossessing face, possesses a fine legal mind well trained both in the theory and practice of his profession. He is a native of South Woodstock, Conn., where he was born in 1839. His education was received in the common schools of that state with academic preparation for the Columbia College law school, of which he is a graduate. He was admitted to the bar in New York city. The war spirit having seized him he spent two years in the army. In 1870, Mr. Wells went to Quincy and settled down there to become one of the citizens, and to practice his profession. He soon became identified with the interests of the city and takes an active part in everything pertaining to the advancement of its welfare and general good of his neighbors. He is a director in Ricker's National bank; president of the board of education and particularly interested in the subject of education. He was solicited frequently to become a candidate for office, but could never before be persuaded until accepting the nomination for representative. He was elected by a large vote given by all classes. He is recognized by his fellow legislators of the thirty-fifth general assembly as one of its ablest members, and occupies a position upon several of the most important committees. He moves quietly among the members of the house, seldom gets excited and is regarded as one of the safest members. While little given to talk he has a pleasant manner with him which makes him genial and companionable with those he comes in contact, and captures the respect of all. Quincy may well feel proud of its representative who is always on the alert for her interest and the best for the state." Mr. Wells is a member of the judiciary, the appropriations, labor and industrial affairs, current expenses, and the claims committees. Two years ago Mr. Wells was urged to accept a congressional nomination which was tendered him, but he was unwilling to be a candidate.

Next Tuesday evening there will be given the fifth entertainment in the star course, a grand concert by the Mozart Trio with Miss Gertrude Edmonds contralto and I. E. Morawski basso. The program is as follows:

Trio—Op. 11, allegro con brio, Beethoven
The Mozart Trio.
Solo — (a) "Songs of Araby," Clay
(b) "Longing," Rubenstein
Mr. Morawski.
Sonata for piano and violin—Op. 13, moderato con moto, Rubenstein
Messrs. Conant and Harriott.
Contralto solo—"The Children's Home," Cowen
Mrs. Gertrude Edmonds.
Piano solo—"Rhopsodie Hongroise No. 6," Liszt
Mr. Conant.
Duet—"O, that we two were Maying." Alice May Smith
Miss Edmonds and Mr. Morawski.
Duo for violin and violoncello, "Der Freischutz," Weber
Messrs. Harriott and Ruppell.
Solo—"Down deep within the cellar," Fisher
Mr. Morawski.
Violoncello solo—"Polonaise de concert," Popper
Mr. Ruppell.
Solo—"The Lady of the Lea," Smart
Miss Gertrude Edmonds.
Trio—Op. 42, andantino—allegro con puoco Gade
The Mozart Trio.

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J. F. B. Litchfield has collected all but $795 of last year's taxes. This, we believe, to be the best showing of any collector of taxes for many years.

There were four accessions to the Congregational church Sunday. Three were received on profession of their faith and one by letter. Mar. 87

Charles Hyde and Wm. H. Eccleston were drawn as jurors to the present term of the Superior court now in session at Worcester. The latter got excused from serving.

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C. H. Hanson returned last Saturday from a two weeks' trip to the west and northwest. In his journey out, he traveled via. the New York Central & Michigan Central railroads, which route took him through Michigan and Wisconsin to Minneapolis, where he was the guest of his brother, Geo. A. Hanson, formerly of this town. He is the manager of the Minneapolis Harvester works, a plant that turns out 6000 machines in a season. Michael Monaghan and Mr. Cross, both of whom once lived in town, were seen by Mr. Hanson. E. F. Melleny, also a native of this town, is keeping books at West Minneapolis. On his return trip, Mr. Hanson took the C. B. and Q. route and thus passed through another section of our vast domain.

John Monroe reached the venerable age of 87 years, Wednesday. He is the father of Mrs. H. W. Bond, and has resided in town for the past seven years. His health is remarkably vigorous for one of his years. He has always been fond of hunting and trapping, and even this season he has secured a large number of rabbits and other game. Mr. Monroe is a devout christian and an active member of the Methodist church.

The Circle Canadien at their meeting Monday evening elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—C. Begin.
Vice-President—A. D. Larivere.
Secretary —A. Labelle.
Corresponding Sec.—Wm. Page.
Treasurer—Isidore Gervais.
Collector—Placide Robillard.
Librarian—A. Bonin.
Comm. Ord.—Dieudonne Pinsonnault.

Rev. W. A. Pomfret of this town is the chairman of the board of auditors of the Methodist Ministers Relief association. Mr. Pomfret was in Boston last week in the discharge of the duties of this office.

At the annual meeting of the U. S. C. in the vestry of the Universalist church last Monday evening, the following list of officers for the ensuing year were elected:

President—John F. B. Litchfield.
Vice-President—Miss Annie Morse.
Secretary—Wilford J. Litchfield.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Ellis.
Executive Committee—John C. F. Wheelock, Mrs. Lizzie Edwards, E. C. Ellis, Miss Emma Dresser, John F. B. Litchfield.

The next meeting of the society will be held at the residence of Miss Emma Dresser, Monday evening, 21st inst.

March 18, 1887.

AN INTERESTING SERMON.

Last Sabbath morning Rev. Mr. Hayward preached a commemorative sermon of Henry Ward Beecher taking his text from Eccles. vii:1, "A good name is better than precious ointment."

Rev. Dr. B. K. Pierce, editor of *Zion's Herald*, occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church last Sabbath morning and evening, delivering two excellent discourses to deeply interested audiences. In the evening the reverend gentleman took his text from Mark x:21, selecting the words "And Jesus looked upon him and loved him" His theme was "The Saving of Souls, when and how to save them." He selected three important events connected with the ministry of Christ, each containing a grand lesson bearing upon the subject. First, Christ blessing little children; second, the young man who asked how he could obtain eternal life; third, the sudden, mysterious conversion of wicked Zaccheus. It is a sad mistake to neglect the religious training of young children, for it is at this tender period that their natures can most easily be brought into the proper channels. Parents should not overlook so important a duty. Oh, bring the little ones to Christ; teach them how to obtain salvation; instruct and direct them in the pleasant ways of safety and righteousness, before Satan snatches them from your arms and places them beyond your influence In the case of the young man who so anxiously asked how to obtain eternal life, the speaker saw the perils of riches. The young man was evidently sincere in his question, for "Jesus looked upon him and loved him"; but love could not give him eternal life, not even the love of Christ. If love could save, would any be lost? "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish." If love could save a sinner's soul, what a transformation there would be right here in Southbridge! Human love and divine love are alike powerless to save. The young man was possessed of great riches; these, the Master told him, he must give to the poor if he would secure eternal life. He felt that he could not do this, and so turned away with a sorrowful heart. He had the love of Christ; but what he needed was Christ's help,—help to overcome his greed for earthly possessions. The conversion of Zaccheus was as strange as it was sudden, and as thorough as it was strange; and he volunteered to give half his possessions to the poor and to reinburse fourfold those he had wronged, even before Christ had required such a sacrifice at his hands. He had opened his heart to Christ, and when Christ entered all thought of self vanished; his lust for gain was overcome. In these days, when we endeavor to reform a drunkard, redeem a bad woman or a wicked man, we take them away from their old surroundings, their old associates, and transplant them to a purer atmosphere; this is all right and proper, but it will not save them,—it will not give them eternal life. You must kneel with them at the altar of God, and pray for God's benediction; you must persuade them to pray and intercede for themselves. When a sincere and repentant sinner pleads for pardon, for eternal life, for mercy, something is going to happen. God never turns him away empty-handed. Some confound eternal life with heaven. Eternal life, what is it? It is not heaven; but it is a desire to be like God, a desire to live for God. Oh, to create this longing in the heart of the sinner! Can any work be grander, holier or more noble? The Holy Spirit of God is in it; even without human agency, this Holy Spirit knocks at the door of the heart again and again,—yea, again and again. Every effort possible is made to bring the sinner to eternal life, but if the efforts of the Spirit are repeatedly resented, there comes a time in the life of that soul when the Spirit abandons it; there comes a time when that soul commits the unpardonable sin, and it is then left to its own destruction. Brethren, let us do all we can to save the sinner; let us remember that God is our common father, that every man is our brother, that the divine love is over and around us all; and in remembering these things, let us be vigilant in our endeavors to induce the wayward, sin-bound soul to open itself to Christ, to the end that He may enter and give to it freedom and eternal life. Let us abandon none, at no point between the cradle and the grave, for we know not at what moment a soul may be brought to the altar of God, there to be saved and saved forever.

Personal.

Mrs. John Taunt is confined to house by a severe sickness.

Miss Cora Beals of Worcester has been visiting with Mrs. Elmer Harwood.

F. C. Botham, a former resident, is spending a few days with relatives in town.

A. Fyfe Hall is at home from his studies in Boston on account of personal illness.

Miss Nina Bartholomew is visiting in Danielsonville, with Mrs. B. L. Bailey.

Mrs. Geo. W. Wells and daughter Mamie are visiting relatives in West Springfield.

Mrs. L. Wesley Curtis is visiting her sister Mrs. B. L. Bailey in Danielsonville, Ct.

Mrs. Kate Gillette of Waterbury, Ct., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Vaughn.

Mrs. Jas. D. Green, whose sickness we noted last week, is still in a precarious condition.

Miss Sadie E. Hillman of Charlemont, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah L. Hyde.

Mrs. Charles F. Parker of Worcester is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Taunt.

Mrs. Simeon Marsh died last Saturday morning, after a brief attack of pneumonia. The interment was in Sturbridge.

J. C. F. Wheelock was called to his former home in Mendon, yesterday, on account of the severe sickness of his brother-in-law.

Edwin Cady a native and thirty, years ago a resident of this town, but who at present lives in Meriden, Ct. visited his relatives in town the past week.

James Taylor has returned from Magog, Canada, and accepted a position in a print works in Newark, N. J. Mr. Taylor has the best wishes of his many friends in town.

James Kelley of Galva, Ill., and a brother of the late Patrick Kelley visited this town last week. Mr. Kelley once lived in this place for eight years, leaving it in 1852, and his recent visit is his first since that date. He is a station agent on the C. B. and Q. railroad.

Thos. L. Paton of this town graduated and received the degree of M. D, Wednesday, from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore, Md., after passing a highly creditable examination. The many friends and acquaintances of Mr. Paton in town, wish him a successful career in his chosen profession.

THIRTEEN YEARS

March, 1887.

Of Uninterrupted Success.

What Push, Energy, Tact and Fidelity have done for a Southbridge Merchant.

While circumstances in a great measure make or mar a business man's career, yet there must be certain elements or forces inherent in his character that render his success or failure in business life in part dependent on himself. "There is a tide in every man's life which taken at its ebb leads on to success." But how difficult it is for one to know just when the tide has reached its ebb and he can reach forth and grasp the prize which all humanity covet. To be successful in an ordinary, every day business has always required the most dilligent application of ones abilities, thoughtfulness, shrewdness and calculation. But at no time has it required the use of all of these elements which enter into one's success, to so great a degree, as at the present time. With the growth of population and the corresponding increase of wealth which has given a greater number of men the necessary means to go into trade, competition has become so close and business rivalry so encrouching that it becomes very often a question of the survival of the fittest. In country towns trade has very materially suffered, in many instances, by the opening up of railroad facilities. Boston the great mart of trade and commerce of the commonwealth has spread out its avenues of travel to the state and its tradesmen are ever on the alert to catch the country dollar. Southbridge has not suffered from city competition to that extent which many other towns have, as its merchants alive to the requirements of its population have kept apace with the times and retained its trade.

In the front rank of the merchants of this town, although one of the youngest in years and point of service and one whose career is the personification of business skill and fidelity to propose is Joseph D. Blanchard. Who in the thirteen years of his business life has risen from being the occupant of the smallest store in town to that of being the possesor of the second largest store in this town or vicinity. The events in the business life of Mr. Blanchard are of much moment and interest and will well repay a careful perusal. Previous to engaging in trade for himself Mr. Blanchard served as a clerk in the store, of the late John Edwards, continuing on the death of Mr. Edwards, in the same capacity, in the store of Carpenter, Irwin and Co. On the 11th day of April 1874 in connection with J. B. Quevillion a clerk in the store of P. H. Carpenter he formed a co partnership for the sale of dry goods in Barnes' block. The store occupied by them at this time has a frontage of fifteen feet and a depth of thirty feet. Their capital like their quarters was limited but they had served an apprenticeship to this business and this, added to their urbanity, tact and sincerity enabled them to buy at an advantage and to rapidly gain the esteem and patronage of the people. In speaking of the essential elements to success one of the most important is a thorough preparation or training for the line of business to be followed. To grow, learn and develop our faculties is the divine edict. One is not born with a knowledge to perform any act whatever. Hence that man that has acquired the ins and outs of a branch of indusrry is oftentimes better equipped for business strife than as though he had a capital but lacked the training. Thus undoubtedly the fittiug Mr. Blanchard received before embarking in trade for himself has been in a great measure one of the prime factors of his unparalled success. So skillfully had the business in Barne's block been managed and so rapidly had their trade grown that their quarters were altogether too limited for the amount of business they were doing; so in October 1875 they leased the store in Dresser block which had but just been rebuilt. After opening their new store their trade increased in a marvellous manner for even a town of this size. In the spring of 1879 Messrs. Blachard and Quevillion again showed their enterprise and demonstrated their business tact by opening a store in the neighboring town of Spencer in connection with their store in this place. In 1882 the co-partnership of Blanchard and Quevillion was dissolved. Mr. Quevillion taking the Spencer store while Mr. Blanchard retained the business in this place under the firm-name of Blanchard Brothers. While the old firm of Blanchard and Quevillion were in existence in addition to their Spencer venture they in 1877 established a millinery department to their store in this town occupying rooms immediately over their store. The millinery department has always received a great amount of attention from the firm, here have been placed upon the counters the very latest styles of fashion and taste. September 16, 1886 Mr. Blanchard put into his store the Rapid Service Store Railway cash system, it was the first one to be adopted in this town, there are four stations in the store for depositing and receiving cash. In the introduction of this system we again see the fine, discerning business eye of Mr. Blanchard. Always on the alert to the better and more expeditions serving of his customers and for the saving of the nimble sixpense from the running expenses of his store. It has always been a maxim of Mr. Blanchard to have shown to his costomers the utmost attention and consideration. Honest, truthful representation and fair and considerate prices are the rules in this establishment. The business of the firm has outgrown the capacity of their present store large as it is and they are soon to accupy the system of stores in Whitford's block. The store has been entirely renovated, immense plate glass show windows have been put in on both the Main and Hamilton street's sides which give in addition to the fine and striking appearance an abundance of light. The store is provided with the railway cash service, and six stations have been fitted up, two more than are in their present quarters. Mr. Blanchard will conduct the store on the city system of departments. Entering the store from Main street will be found dress goods, notions, small wares and millinery. On the Hamilton street side of the store will be kept the ready made clothing, gents furnishing goods; and boots and shoes. They do a strictly cash business and transacted a larger business last year under this system than during any previous year. Mr. Blanchard can justly take a retrospective view of the past thirteen years with pride and satisfaction. But he knows and realizes that he has had during these years the patroage of an appreciative public to whom he desires through the JOURNAL to express his keen appreciation for their generous support and patronage.

S. K. Edwards and Chas. Haggerty of this town attended the Carlisle banquet given by the Bay State club at the Revere house last Saturday.

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Lilacs in Bloom.

The forcing of early blooming shrubs is getting to be quite extensively indulged in by both professional and amateur florists. Branches from one-half to one inch in diameter are cut from the desired plant or shrub, then placed in a pail of water, the whole placed in a warm, sunny position. It takes from three to four weeks for the full development of the buds and flowers. Mrs. Tatterson was the first to introduce this plan in this town, she having been very successful last year with lilacs, syringas and other plants. This season she has had in bloom lilacs on several occasions, and in a few days the syringa, with its sweet but subtle fragrance, will be in bloom. Mrs. Tatterson has the JOURNAL'S thanks for some fine bunches of white lilac blooms.

Col. Geo. D. Bates of Putnam visited the JOURNAL office last Saturday. Col. Bates enlisted as a private in the 7th R. I. regiment and served throughout the war, receiving while in the service seven different promotions the last being his present title. His career since the war as a business man has been as brilliant and successful as was his army life. He is a present member of the Connecticut legislature where he is the chairman of the committee on cities and burroughs. It was Col. Bates who so fearlessly and successfully contended for the adoption of the temperance bill prohibiting a physician's prescription for liquor being duplicated by the same person.

March 25. 1887.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

Brief Mention.

H. M. Clemence sold the horse belonging to Dr. Morasse yesterday at auction for $50.00.

Gen. John L. Swift lectures on Temperance, next Tues lay evening, in Dresser Opera house.

Quite a delegation of Southbridge people visited the Worcester Electrical exhibition, Wednesday.

Don't forget the fair and supper of the Brookside Mission at the Congregationalist church this evening.

The mammouth show windows of Paige & Company, present this week a fine display of hats and handkerchiefs.

The Weber Quartette will give the next entertainment in the star course of the Y. M. C. A. April 5. It will undoubtedly be a concert of exceeding merit.

"Them steers" were purchased by Wm. H. King of Charlton at M. M. Marble's auction yesterday, for $40.00.

It is currently reported that Dr. Morasse has sued a clergyman in town to the tune of $15,000 for defamation of character.

The prospect for the organization of a military company in town is flattering. Some of our leading citizens heartily indorse the movement.

The number in attendance at M. M. Marble's auction sale yesterday, was quite large and the prices realized for the articles sold were quite satisfactory.

The forthcoming town report will contain the names of only 243 delinquent tax payers, which is a much less number of names than for many years.

A rescript has been received from the Supreme court remanding the case of Thomas Blanchard vs. Wm. R. Cooke again to the Superior court for a new trial.

Eugene Comstock has put on his route a new meat wagon. It is thoroughly constructed and tastefully painted. Altogether it makes a fine and attractive appearance.

Merrick A. Marcy of Union, Ct. has purchased of J. J. Oakes the three house lots lying between the Oakes homestead and Oakes avenue and fronting South street.

Harrigan's Double Hibernian company with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cohan as the stars play in Dresser Opera house next Thursday evening, March 30. They have the greatest team of bagpipers in this country.

The choir of the Universalist church met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Edmonds last Saturday evening for a rehearsal, and were happily surprised at its close by receividg an invitation from host and hostess to step into the dining room and partake of a generous feast.

The social of the U. S. C. at the residence of Miss Emma Dresser last Friday evening, was fully attended by the members of the club. A business meeting preceeded the program of music, songs and recitations, after which the time was devoted to social games and pastimes.

One hundred and thirty books, thirty-eight pamphlets and twenty-two magazines have been donated to the public library the past year. Of this number of books, sixty-six more than one-half, were the gift of Geo. M. Whitaker. Many of the books from Mr. Whitaker were recent and valuable publications.

Monday morning as James Parker was going down the stone steps in front of the Dresser house, he slipped and fell, striking upon his back and receiving a severe shaking up. A few minutes later, Miss Nancy Jenks slipped on the same steps and has been confined to her room ever since. It is remarkable that no bones were broken in either case.

Several gentlemen, former members of the defunct Sucker club, met at the Faulkner house Monday evening and perfected an organization which they christened the Forest and Stream club. The membership of the new association is limited to twenty persons and they have in contemplation a trip to the Rangely lakes the coming summer. The following is the roster of the club:

President—P. M. Clarke.
Vice-President—J. W. Robinson.
Secretary—F. M. Marble.
Treasurer—Geo. W. Faulkner.
Steward—Walter Claflin.

Personal.

Rev. J. S. Nelligan, of Worcester, was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Adams are visiting in Woonsocket, R. I.

C. D. Paige arrived home from his southern trip Saturday morning.

Miss Olive Farnum, who lives in the Edwards house block, is quite sick.

James West left town Wednesday, for his future home in Lenora, Kansas.

Dr. Thomas L. Paton arrived home from Baltimore, last Saturday, for a short sojourn.

John B. Plante is confined to his room in the Dresser house by a severe attack of rheumatism.

Dr. H. W. Bond has moved into the house on Pleasant street recently vacated by James West.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Marsh of Providence, R. I., and former residents, have been in town the past week.

Herbert Wells of Boston, and his guest, Geo. D. Davis of Worcester, visited town last week.

Mrs. J. M. Olney and son, Willie, are visiting relatives and friends in Putnam and Willimantic.

Mrs. Sarah J. Smith is in Boston spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Fred L. Lawson.

Misses Eunice Esten and Carrie Gale, both of Amesbury, have been the guests of Miss Minnie Cady the past week. March 25.1887.

Geo. J. Neff once a well known resident of this town but for the past twenty years a citizen of Millbury is a candidate for assessor on the democratic ticket for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Marcy of Rockville, Ct., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar M. Phillips. Mr. Marcy is one of the leading and best known lawyers in Connecticut and also a prominent politician.

Master George Fitts gave a party a his home on Glover street last Friday, it being the occasion of his twelfth birthday. He was the recipient of many fine presents. About thirty of his young friends were there to join in the festivities, and to wish him many happy returns of the day.

Y. W. C. T. U.

Miss Ida C. Clothier will speak for the Union, April 3, in the Methodist church. Further notice next week.

Gen. John L. Swift will lecture in Dresser hall Tuesday, March 29, at 8 o'clock. Two minute speeches from prominent citizens. Watch for the posters.

Among the Churches.

Rev. Fr. Purcell of Webster preached in St. Mary's church Wednesday evening.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church society was held this week, when the following officers were elected: Clerk, C. T. Barber; Treasurer, C. D. Monroe; Collector, Edwin S. Swift; Assessors, J. M. Cochran, F. P. Pratt, Lucian Lyon.

The pastors of the protestant churches in town preached on temperance last Sabbath. A general exchange took place between the evangelical pastors. Mr. Pomfret preaching at the Union church; Mr. Danielson at the Baptist; Mr. Hayward at the Congregationalist, and Mr. Easterbrook at the Methodist.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

There will be the usual prayer and praise meeting for men only on Monday evening from 8 to 9 o'clock. Topic: "Are you honoring the Lord with your substance?" Prov. iii:9, 10; xi:24, 25: IICor. ix:6–11. All men cordially welcome.

Monthly business meeting of the association Monday evening. Any young men desiring to join the association are requested to send in their applications.

Meeting for boys at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The devotional committee will meet at the association rooms next Sunday afternoon at 2.45 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

Rev. W. J. Pomfret's informal talk on "Here and There in London" will be given in April. The definite date will soon be announced.

The Monday night meetings are full of interest. Others should come and enjoy them.

The Y. M. C. A. state exective committee believing that the Young Men's Christian Association cause in Massachusetts and Rhode Island would receive an impetus by a more liberal use of the secular press, has secured space in a leading Boston paper for the publication of association news. The plan is to have an "Association Column" as often as once a month, and the items published will undoubtedly be copied into other papers, and cannot fail to to stimulate association workers and reach many christian business men who are not at present interested in the special work for the salvation of young men.

There are more than sixty associations in this state, and it will be interesting and benefiting for each to know what the others are doing, and how they are accomplishing it.

Graduating Exercises.

Edwards Opera House was crowded to its utmost last Friday evening, the occasion being the graduating exercises of the Southbridge High School. The parts of the class were well written and were delivered with a clearness of enunciation which surpassed all similar attempts. After an overture by F. W. Rowley and Mrs. H. N. Carpenter and prayer by Rev. Silvanus Hayward, Miss Theresa M. Monroe delivered a very happily conceived essay on "Beacon Lights" followed by Leon C. Harwood with an excellent oration on "Character." E. W. Winter then sang "The Soldier's Good-Bye" receiving hearty applause. Miss Minnie E. Cady delivered a practical essay on "Precious Stones." Myra F. Lawson gave an elegant essay on "Ruins." Miss Carrie R. Stone sang a "Cook-oo Song" receiving a recall. Miss Edith Cheney had a practical and well written essay on "Clouds." Warren Wirth Brackett delivered the valedictory and an essay, "Fidelis in Omnibus" in a manner that electrified the audience and won prolonged applause. J. J. Oakes, chairman of the school committee, presented the diplomas with a few very appropriate remarks. The class song composed by a former member of the class, Howard P. Martin was then sung.

Tonight we meet to say farewell
To classmates, schoolmates, friends;
Each now must their own way pursue,
Each in different trends.

The years we've passed together here
Have pleasant been, though long;
In life's conflict, as in that past,
May our efforts be as strong.

Think not the struggle now is o'er--
Our work is but begun;
In life's great struggle, as in school.
A task's assigned each one.

May we our problem richly solve
While through this life we roam,
And for our merit thus secure
At last our "welcome home."

After the public exercises the class held a reception and received the congratulations of their friends.

W. C. T. U.

The quarterly meeting of the Worcester county W. C. T. U. will be held at Millville, March 30th.

The W. C. T. U. will meet in the vestry of the Congregational church on Tuesday, March 29th, at three o'clock. The Y. W, T. C. U. and all friends invited to join in the service of prayer and praise for the success of the temperance work.

Rev. Joseph Cook in his lecture Monday, Feb. 21, 1887 said: As to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union striking hands with the Knights of Labor, he would indorse what Miss Willard would do. She is the best known and best loved woman in America. The W. C. T. Union is the noblest band of women known to history. Powderly is a Catholic, Miss Willard a Methodist; if they can join hands, they may, as she says, "lift civilization to a tableland across which Christ may walk."

Mr. Editor:—I would like to have a little space in your paper to reply to a public attack on woman. Since the dawn of civilization, her position has been acquiring additional importance in every age. The course of humanity has been progressive, corresponding with the elevation of woman, until now those who are not fossilized, are beginning to admit that she is entitled to a place by the side of man as his companion and as his equal. (To be sure there are those who are ashamed of their mothers and neglectful of the rights of their wives and daughters by

reason of a wish to have them servants and slaves.) If a man can join the Masons and still feel it his duty to preach Him who said, "In secret have I done nothing," then why has not his wife, daughter or any woman of the congregation to which he preaches, a right to attend the meetings of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union without expecting to be ridiculed for so doing? I fail to understand. Now there is, and has been, such a man, and so long as he kept in his own pulpit with his expression of the ideas of the low tribes in different countries today, it was "nobody's else business" perhaps, but when he preaches elsewhere, that woman's individuality should be merged into man's, and that she has no rights which he is bound to respect, except so far as they are compatible with his own immediate selfish interests and gratifications, we object. Yes, and this man with a whine is bitter against the only temperance organization in this broad country which dares show its faith by its works. At any rate he feebly says he doesn't believe in any society, league, union or such as the way to remove evil, and thinks the church has it all to do, and that he and those like him have a patent right on the use of the name of Christian, and that therefore no union has a right to use it. If all ministers of the gospel were as he, new truths and strange facts might stand knocking at the world's heart for centuries before they gained admission. If all were as blindly mulishly firm and unyielding to truth and facts, progress would either be impossible or very slow. Those who heard this man repeat his sermon, regretted they did not have their "chestnut bells" with them, and those who heard it for the first time said to themselves, Why, this is like that man Moses who said, "If thou wilt obey the statutes and commandments that I command thee this day, then blessed shalt thou be in the city and in the field; blessed in thy going-out, and blessed in thy coming-in; blessed in thy basket and in thy store. But if thou wilt not obey them, cursed shalt thou be in the city and in the field; cursed in thy going-out and coming in; in thy basket and in thy store." I said, liberty, spontaneity, all must be sacrificed if we have a rigid conformity to this man's ideas. No, the dead absurdities of the past, cannot long continue to rule the living present. Woman is coming to believe that there are no scriptures so sacred as those written in her soul, and she will read them carefully, obey them faithfully, ever seeking for new light to scan aright their pages. No minister can put the manacles and shackles on the members of the W. C. T. U. *

Mar. 25. 1887

Temperance Sermon by Rev. W. J. Pomfret at the Union Church.

Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, that frameth mischief by a law? God is the law giver. Law is a transcript of the Divine will. The law is holy, just and good. Whatever is law must have in it these elements of holiness, justice and goodness. Charles Sumner, when in the United States Senate opposing the Fugitive Slave Bill, made some ears tingle when he said, "I do not call this a law, I call it the Fugitive Slave Bill; I call it a bill, for you cannot legalize wrong." We ask, Is there in the liquor traffic, as licensed in our state and town, anything but wrong? Is it not the truthful parent of pauperism and crime? More than 75 percent of these either directly or indirectly are caused by this infamous trade? Of such a trade, well may we ask the question, "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee?" The answer of our legislature and of our town is, Yes, for a certain fee or amount of reverence, it shall have such fellowship. We do not treat the liquor traffic as we treat any other evil that threatens the place or welfare of our town. See the notice early this winter from our board of selectmen, ordering all the inhabitants of this town to clear the sidewalks from snow after every storm, on pain of prosecution for such neglect. Commendable action on the part of the selectmen, but we look in vain for any note of warning about those other places into and by which men fall and are injured forever. What has become of their watchfulness of the public good. Or, let a mad dog be reported as having run through our streets, how soon these town fathers will order all dogs to be confined for 30 or 60 days, and absolute and imperative orders will be issued to our constables to kill, at sight, any dog running at large, and everybody approves the order; but this, worse than "mad dog," is not only allowed to run at large, but is licensed to bite everybody within the range of his influence and power, and we have nothing from these zealous guardians of the public good.

The speaker closed by reading the indictment of the liquor traffic, entitled, "Strong words against the liquor business" by Rev. C. H. Fowler, D. D., Bishop of the M. E. church.

A SCRAP OF LOCAL HISTORY.

Men to Whom the Town is Indebted for its Growth and Prosperity.

The Past and Present.

The material and commercial growth, development and general prosperity of this town is due more to the splendid character and abilities of its business men than to any natural advantages of location or circumstances. Situated as it is off from the great lines of commercial traffic and intercourse and with a territory much smaller than the majority of the towns in the commonwealth, with its correspondingly small rural population it has nevertheless grown and prospered beyond the measure of many other towns in the state which have far more natural advantages. The old saying "every man has his day" is likewise sometimes applied to towns. But this quotation like many others of similar purport has no foundation in fact. The reason why so many towns are in a state of decadence is that the man or men to whom they once owed their life and vigor have passed away and their equals have not taken their place. In these towns the people Micawber like have waited for something to turn up. The ball once set in motion has lost its impetus because some hand or hands more powerful than others have been compelled to let go, and none have filled the gap. Southbridge has always been fortunate in its representative business men. They have not waited for opportunities to present themselves, they have made them. And success almost invariably follows the bold and intrepid undertakings of the business man. Southbridge is and always has been emphatically a commercial town. It has today a decidedly metropolitan appearance and in no other town of equal size in New England can be found such large and well built business blocks or so finely equipped stores as here.

The personal history of many of our business men is replete with interesting facts and reminiscences. As one traces the course of their lives he is impressed with the fact that very many

of them have reached their present success from humble beginnings, he learns that they have climbed the ladder round by round, and thus were qualified to master the duties of each new and successive station in their commercial career. Particularly is this true of one who for the first few years of his residence in town worked at his trade as a jeweler, but in a few years became and has ever since been one of the foremost representative business men of this town Wm. C. Barnes. Mr. Barnes is a native of the state of New York but came to this place from Lowell. He first entered the employ of Sylvester Dresser, who had recently purchased the business of R. H. Cole. This was in 1849, and the store was in the same rooms now occupied as the office of Charles Haggerty and the barber shop adjoining. These rooms then constituted the first floor of the building, it having been raised up a story since that date. In 1854 he formed a partnership with Mr. Dresser, and together they carried on the business till 1857 in which year Mr. Dresser having embarked in the hardware trade Mr. Barnes bought his partners interest in the firm. Then as now Mr. Barnes kept a periodical or news dedartment. Daily newspapers then were not, as at present, in reach of every one and the weekly story paper now so numerous had at this period just made its debut. The *New York Ledger* was just entering on its career of wonderful prosperity and we remember how on every returning Thursday evening all the big boys from the Globe, followed by all the youngsters would go down to Mr. Barnes' store to get the *Ledger*. In 1860 Mr. Barnes removed from this store to one in the then new Dresser block. Here he shared the general prosperity of the years succeeding the war remaining in the store altogether eleven years. They were years of a constant and steady success, so much so that in 1871 there was completed a business block that ranks among the first of the many fine ones in town, and that one is his own and which since that date has been his business home.

It is not an exaggeration to state that for a period of thirty years the store of Mr. Barnes has been the most extensive and heavily stocked of any other of its kind in Worcester county if not in the state outside of the city of Boston. One can always spend a leisure hour with interest and pleasure in an inspection of the endless variety of beautiful and elegant paintings, bronzes and precious stones and jewels. What Mr. Barnes has not got in his store would be much easier to tell than what he has. There have been no years of stagnation in his career. There have been no spasmodic and inconstant periods in his commercial life, but one constant, continued progress, and this is owing to his fidelity to a true business principle to represent nothing but what it really is. Perhaps the idea we wish to convey is better exemplified by our saying that for the past thirty years his solid silver ware has had stamped on it his own name and it has had the test of experience. Those who have known Mr. Barnes for all these years ask for no other guarantee than his word for its genuineness. One taking a look through Mr. Barnes store is at first attracted by the immense and lavish display of jewelry, including watches of all sizes and styles, beautifully fashioned and engraved. We observe that nearly all of his time pieces are of American manufacture. Here can be found the little ladies watch dantily jeweled and the massive and substantial engineer's timer. Stepping along our attention is drawn next to the chains, rings and charms; here are child's rings, diamonds, onyx, ruby, amethyst, cameo and opal rings; ladies and gent's chains, neck chains; attractive charms in every conceivable style, bracelets, sets of jewelry, cuff buttons etc.; adjoining the jewelry cases are those containing the works of the optician's skill, these include spectacles, eye glasses and opera glasses in gold, silver, rubber, shell and steel, telescopes, microscopes and reading glasses. In solid silver ware the assortment is full and complete and as before mentioned bares his own name; in flat ware are knives, forks, spoons, lovely ladles, pie knives, sugar shells and fruit knives. Of hollow silver ware he shows castors, butter dishes, cake baskets, syrups, card receivers, cups, trays, salvers, call bells and vases many of which are richly decorated by chasing and engraving. Mr. Barnes is now having his plated ware stamped with his own name as an especial guarantee of its superior quality. It is suprising what a variety of clocks are now to be found in the market, in this store we find clocks ranging in prices from $8.00 to $35, mantle, carriage, bronze and ebony clocks. In the department of table cutlery are placed knives, forks and carving sets; pocket cutlery includes an endless variety of styles, sizes and forms from the diminutive pen knife to the formidable pruning knife; here also are shears, scissors and razors in fancifully designed blades and handles. Wallets, pocket-books, ladies bags and cigar cases in a multitude of shapes and qualities are displayed. Thermometers and barometers singly and combined can be had. The line of toilet articles, perfumes, colognes, sachet powders, puff boxes, dressing cases, hair, teeth, nail, clothes, flesh and infants brushes, hand mirrors, combs (including the old fashioned folding wood combs of our fathers) razor straps, shaving mugs, toilet and shaving soaps, tooth picks, etc. is full and complete. This store for a generation has been the headquarters for our sportsmen for here they can purchase guns, fishing tackel, cartridges and cartridge belts, game bags and fish baskets, ammunition fixed and otherwise, powder and shot, powder flasks and shot pouches. The general fancy goods department comprises *everything* so we pause only to enumerate a few articles; jewel cases, portable desks, mantle vases in a multitude of forms sizes and shapes, bronzes, fancy boxes, fancy trays, Japanese ware, baskets including, ladies, lunch, nursery, childrens, work, flower and waste baskets. Handsome china ware, pictures and picture frames, easels, photographs and photograph holders, baby carriages, bird cages from 62c. to $5.00, perfumery in bulk by far the best way to purchase it, castileen and silver soap for cleaning silver etc. Mr. Barnes is the wholesale agent for castileen, it is an article which he has used for years and highly recommends. In the musical department we find violins, guitars, accordeons, flutes, piccolos and even jew's harps, pianos and organs,. Mr. Barnes has just put in a large and varied assortment of paper, hangings, curtains and fixtures, gilts and white blanks and grounds with borders to match. Ladies hair goods in frisettes, crimps and switches are shown. Albums, photograph, autograph and card, blank books from the tiny leaflet to the monster many paged ledger, calendars, inks, pen holders and pencils, paper weights and cutters, ink stands, blotters, shipping tags, pin tickets, writing tablets, memorandom book, stationary, papeteries in fancy boxes, stereoscopes and views, photograph easels, banner stands, panel pictures, music rolls; hair pins, bees-wax, pins and needles, feather dusters, cuff protectors, etc. A distinguishing feature of this store has ever been its book and periodical department. Here have just been

received the richest display of Easter and birthday cards ever shown in town and one must needs be an art connosseur to adequately depict their beauties. Toys: it would take one page of the JOURNAL to enumerate the entire list of the toys offered, here can be found sleds for boys and girls, base balls and ball bats, hoops, marbles by the barrel, games, checkers, chess, playing cards, box games, disected pictures, jack straws, polo sticks, jumping ropes, tops of all kinds, spinning wheels, animals, alphabet blocks, musical instruments, windmills, toolchests, ten pins, tea sets and in fact every article used by children of all ages in their games and pastimes.

Before leaving the store we can but notice the full stock of piano stools, portfolios, lap tables, music paper, violin strings and pins, tuning forks, gents canes, picture cord and knobs and hooks, rubber bands, cash trunks, sewing machines and sewing machine fixtures, oils and needles. Another department which Mr. Barnes has always given much attention to is that of gold pens, with gold, rubber and ivory pen holders, gold pens in fine point, stub point and mammoth pens, combined pen and pencil, gold and pearl charms, button hooks, glove fasteners, tooth picks in gold and pearl, stylographic and fountain pens, crayons, etc. Dolls are shown in great variety, style and size, many of which are finely dressed and attired.

Southbridge Journal.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1887.

Contributions of local news are always thankfully received at the Journal Office—particularly society, church manufacturing, agricultural, and personal items.

NOTICE.

With this issue of the paper the JOURNAL passes into the hands of Mr. M. P. Foster, an able journalist of experience, who has for some time been the local editor of the *Milford Gazette* where he has done some excellent work. We bespeak for him the hearty support and earnest co-operation of the people of Southbridge and vicinity. He will give you a good home paper. Sustain him with your subscriptions, your advertising, your job printing and your appreciative words.

BUSINESS HINTS.

Geo. C. Shepard & Co., invite the public to visit their store and examine their line of Easter cards of new and elegant designs. "Mikado," "Ragged Edge," and "Birch Bark" novelties.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

Mrs. Hubbard S. Vaughn died early Tuesday morning.

Counterfeit silver dollars are being quite freely circulated.

Edward Doherty left town Wednesday, for Los Angeles, Cal.

The Southbridge National bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of four percent.

The democratic cauces will be held in the town hall Saturday evening April 21.

The fair and supper of the Brookside mission circle was very successful and heartily enjoyed by all.

We were the ricipient Monday of some fine specimens of Beurre Easter peare, from Wm. C. Barnes.

The ladies of the Methodist society, gave an exceedingly successful supper and entertainment last evening.

J. J. Bowlen and Wm. Power have purchased and brought to town another lot of Canadian horses.

The office of the American Optical Company is being enlarged to nearly twice its present dimensions.

Wm. Power has sold all of his Canadian horses recently purchased by him. So much for having an "ad" in the JOURNAL.

Miss Cora B. Norris of Westboro is the new manager of the local telephone exchange which is now located in Hartwell's block.

Charles Gerold is the champion rat catcher of the town. During the past season he has ended the lives of nearly two hundred rodents.

Wm. H. Campbell has taken a position in the Richmond print works, and Southbridge loses one more of its citizens it can ill afford to lose.

M. M. Marble shows in his market, the pelts of 17 foxes which were all killed in this immediate vicinity, which shows some of our hunters' sport during the season.

Geo. B. Clarke of Cambridge, the manufacturer of the great telescope for the Lick Observatory and of many other similar ones, was in town, Tuesday, inspecting the American Optical Company's works.

Sylvester Dresser has a large force of men and teams at work drawing bricks to the depot. These are sent to parties in Worcester, Putnam and Woonsocket. Forty thousand a day is the average out-put.

E. B. Cummings is this week moving to his new cottage on Dresser street, where increased facilities enables him to show as fine a variety of carriages, wagons and harnesses as can be found in Southern Massachusetts. See his advertisement.

The topic at the young men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms next Monday will be, "Does the Lord need me." But the all absorbing topic of some of our young men during the day will be, "Do my fellow citizens *want* me."

The Hamilton Woolen company shipped last Monday 414 cases of goods which filled thirteen freight cars. This is probably the largest amount of goods ever sent from this town in one order. We hope that the company realized a satisfactory price for the goods.

All of the schools in town commenced the spring term Monday morning. There are no changes in the corps of teachers except that Miss Mary Clemence has been given leave of absence for the term. Her position is taken by Mrs. L. E. D. Cheney.

Auctioneer Clarke will sell tomorrow, April 2d, at 1 o'clock p. m., at the former residence of the late Joseph Hodges on South street, by order of the administrator, all of the household goods and furniture; library stoves, beds and bedding, etc., etc. The sale offers a fine chance for any one wishing to replenish their goods.

Robert McGrath has purchased of Geo. K. Dresser the four houses lying between Pleasant and Plimpton streets. With these Mr. McGrath now owns ten houses in which there are 24 tenements. Besides these he owns a number of acres of land on which are many eligible building sites. His life has indeed been a success, and particularly so, when we consider its many adverse circumstances.

Whomsoever else may be nominated and elected to the offices of the town for the ensuing year, we enjoin the citizens, irrespective of party, to see to

it that Officers Clarke and Riley are again elected to the constabulary. The law breakers and hoodlums do not want them, hence, this is the strongest argument imaginable why they should be the recipients of the united strength of the law-abiding voters.

Extensive alterations and additions are being made in the stores of H. T. Hyde & Co, and that formerly occupied by Blanchard Bros. Hereafter the stores are to be connected. The present show-windows are being removed, and immense ones of plate-glass are to be put in their place. An extensive and varied stock of ready-made clothing, gents' neck wear, boots and shoes, are being placed on the counters. The stores will be open for business tomorrow morning.

The ladies of the various churches in town have on several occasions this season served a supper in their respective church vestries. These on all occasions have been satisfactory to both host and guest. One of the most successful of these suppers was served by the ladies of the Union church Tuesday evening. It was a turkey supper and everything connected with the affair was in the most satisfactory order and fitly characteristic of the society. An excellent program of tableaux and music was given during the evening.

Personal.

James Paton spent last Sabbath in town.

Miss Emma Varner is visiting friends in Lawrence.

The republican caucus takes place tonight at 8 o'clock in the town hall.

Miss Edith Saunders of Lawrence is passing the week with Mrs. Tatterson.

H. D. Bagg of West Springfield was the guest of Geo. W. Wells during the past week.

Selectman Wm. D. Morse has been painfully sick the past week but is now much improved.

The genial and familliar face of Carl B. Johnson is again seen in the post-office where he will remain for a fortnight.

Charles M. Hersey, once a resident of this town and formerly a member of the 15th Massachusetts regiment died recently in California.

Alfred McKinstry has finished sawing for Penuel Plimpton and has taken a large contract in East Douglas whither he has removed his mill.

Albert Loiseau met with a painful accident in the Southbridge Optical Company's works last week. A finger on his right hand being severely bruised.

The concluding entertainment in the season's star course will be given in the Edwards opera house next Tuesday evening. It is confidently expected this will prove one of the finest and most enjoyable concerts ever given under the auspices of the association. The talent engaged consists of the Weber Male Quartette (W. E. Paine, counter tenor; G. A. Doggett, tenor; L G. Ripley, baritone; G. R. Titus, basso;) Miss Etta Kileski soprano, Leopold Lichtenberg, violinist, Leon Keach accompanist, all of Boston. The following is the program:

PART I.

"Absence," Hatton
Weber Quartette.
Aria—"Nobil Signor," Meyerbeer
Miss Kileski.
"Remember now thy Creator" Rhodes
Weber Quartette.
a. Romanga Andalonsa, } Sarasate
b. Gypsy Airs, }
Mr. Lichtenberg.
"Cradle Song," Norris
Mr. Paine.

PART II.

"Peter Piper," Warren
Weber Quartette,
a. Aulach, Clara K. Rogers
b. Spring Flowers, Carl Reinecki
(With violin obligato)
Miss Kileski.
a. "Guide me O Thou great Jehovah," Dow
b. "Arise! Shine! for thy light has come" Rhodes
"The Trooper," Plumpton
Mr. Titus.
Fantasie on Russian Airs, Wieniawski
Mr. Lichtenberg.
Quintette—"Old Folks at home," Foster
(Soprano obligato by Miss Kileski)
Weber Quartette.

April 8. 1887.

Concert by the Weber Quartette.

The last entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. Star course, a concert by the Weber Quartette of Boston, assisted by Miss Etta Kileski, soloist, and Mr. Lichtenberg, violinist, was given in Edwards Opera House Tuesday evening. It was one of the best concerts given here this season. The work of the quartette was particularly fine, the humorous selections being very happily chosen and finely rendered.

China Wedding.

A goodly company of relatives and friends gathered to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bailey at their home in Woodstock, Ct., last Thursday evening. It was a genuine surprise, and not until several had arrived did the worthy couple suspect their intentions. All present entered into the spirit of the occasion and passed a very pleasant and social time. The various gifts were substantial proofs of the high esteem in which the bride and groom of '67 are held. Long may they live to enjoy a life thus far crowned with blessing and to pass successfully through the "silver" and "gold" eras.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1887.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Just a Few Words.

In assuming control of the JOURNAL it will be our aim to make it a live, wide awake local and vicinity newspaper, as indispensable as it is possible to make it in the homes of this and neighboring towns. The JOURNAL is now read by more people and more thoroughly than any other paper in southern Worcester, and we shall leave no stone unturned to make it the most popular local paper in the county.

Politically, the JOURNAL under its new management will be Republican, and with the co-operation of those devoted to the best interests of the party, we hope to make it one of the leading Republican weeklies in Massachusetts.

Local occurrences—social, religious and political will be impartially reported. The local news field will be thoroughly covered and efforts will be put forth to secure the best corps of town correspondents to be obtained. The JOURNAL will in every sense of the word, be a home paper; one that will advocate everything that tends to the material and moral advancement of Southbridge in its corporate capacity and its inhabitants individually. New features will be added and improvements made from time to time, and the more support and encouragement that the paper receives, the better paper it will be. We shall be pleased to see our friends at the office at all times.

MAITLAND P. FOSTER.

—There was a narrow escape from fire at the Baptist church yesterday afternoon, it being discovered just in the nick of time. It probably caught from the furnace.

—There will be no session of the High school today, opportunity is given to the teachers to attend the State High School convention in Boston, which occurs today.

—The W. C. T. U. and the Y. W. C. T. U. obsered Monday as a day of prayer. Meetings were held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, with a new leader each succeeding hour.

— The Methodist church was filled to its utmost capacity last Sunday evening to listen to the lecture given by Miss Ida C. Clothier. The lecture was very interesting and well received.

—At the Republican caucus last Friday evening the following town committee was chosen: A. W. Martin, Thomas Sanders, Azel Thompson, G. C. Winter, L. D. Clemence, G. A. Cheney and Charles Hyde.

S. Dresser carried on the hardware trade, the late E. P. Lewis working for him until he purchased the business from Mr. Dresser. On the second floor was Union Hall of pleasant memories. In this hall the Quinebaug Horticultural society held its exhibitions, here also the Good Templers used to hold their weekly meetings. A pair of stairs leads from the hall space to the attic. A trap door in the attic opened directly over the center of the hall, here in the attic certain boys of the period would conceal themselves on the evenings of the meetings of the Good Templars and raising the trap door an inch or so intently watched the proceedings below. Also on this floor, in a room by itself, was the Hamilton Woolen Company's library with the late Thomas Whitaker as its first libaarian. The Protective Union occupied its store for about one year, still under the management of James Gleason, when it went the way of all co-operative stores. Dissension arose among the stockholders to such an extent that a dissolution took place, and the entire business was sold to James Gleason. But notwithstanding, the change of ownership, for years the store went by the name of the "Union store," and even now one occasionally hears it called that name by old people. The success and prosperity of the store while owned by the Protective Union still continued to increase under its new owner. Edwin A. Gleason, the oldest son of James Gleason, had been associated with his father in the management of the union store and he was now employed by his father. In the spring of 1860 Julius S. Gleason, the youngest son, commenced his commercial career as a clerk in the store. Untiring industry, coupled with a tact and talent that enabled them to comprehend the necessary requisites for building up a business, soon started the store on the extensive scale which has since that date characterized it. For a generation it has been without a peer in this section of the county. In 1886 both sons were admitted into partnership and the new firm was styled James Gleason & Sons. In 1874 Edwin A. retired from the business and the name of the firm now became James Gleason & Son. In 1878 James Gleason died and the ownership and control of the vast business passed into the hands of Julius S. Gleason. The enormous trade done by this firm has ever been the wonder of every one. It is not in the least owing to any natural advantage of location, but entirely owing to its consumately skillful management, neatness, attention to customers, prompt delivery of sales, good articles, at honest, fair prices are characteristics of this store. Mr. Gleason's business is his life. He is the hardest working man in Southbridge; up early and late. He will buy and sell and answer a multitude of questions all at one time. "How in the world does he contrive to do so much work" is a stereotyped question of his acquaintances. In his store can be found literally everything in his line. Here come the farmers from far and near to exchange and sell their produce. All through the war their annual sales exceeded $100,000. Of course prices then were high, but for the past few years of low prices the annual sales have exceeded $75,000. Eleven-hundred dollars worth of goods have been sold in one day. Four-hundred dozen of eggs were sold the Saturday preceeding Easter Sunday. Everybody goes to this store to trade, for everybody knows that here they can get what they wish.

Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The return of the pleasant days of spring affords people an opportunity of visiting this resting place of the dead. During the year that has past, many needed improvments have been brought about and others commenced. Nearly all of that part of the original cemetery lying east of the avenue has been graded and the graves leveled to the ground. A number of fine and costly monuments have been placed in the cemetery the past year. Noticeable among them is one to the late Capt. Daniel F. Newell, whose lot is in the original part of the ground. Other monuments have been set up on the lots of the late Daniel Perry and the late Capt. Luther Ammidown. F. P. Pratt and Lewis Morse, have each erected monuments. The setting out of a row of maple and elm trees, alternating, along the Everett street entrance was a commendable action on the part of the cemetery committee. The flower beds should now be leveled to the ground, as they will then retain moisture much longer than at present in their raised position. It might be good policy for a part of the sum of money now set apart for the purchase of bedding plants to be invested in hardy flowering shrubs, bulbs etc., by pursuing this plan in a few years a large assortment could be obtained, besides which, they would afford more satifaction. We understand that a sarcophagus is soon to be placed on the lot of the late Dea. S. M. Lane. It is to be built of the finest granite and will cost about $700.

—The library committee have re-organized with J. M. Cochran as chairman and Dr. C. C. Bradford as secretary. Messrs. Cochran, Lovell and Corbin constitute the committee on books.

Dr. Curtis on the High School Que..

To the Editor of the Southbridge Journal:

There has been much criticism about there being only fifty-four seats in the High school room. Previous to 1854, for several years the subject of a High school, had been agitated. At this time it happened that I was clerk of the Board of Selectmen and School Committee. It was thought by the two boards that the present room could be fitted up and made a passable place for a High school room. The details were left to me. Many jokes were made because the room was papered, an unheard of thing. One of the committee wanted seventy-five or eighty seats and only one teacher. It was apparent to the writer that we should have only one teacher for some years, and from personal experience he was well aware that fifty-four scholars were all one could care for, and also, if the number of seats were increased, the grade would be lowered. The grade then established was low, but there were not enough scholars to fill the seats. Fifty scholars then was more for the town than one hundred now. This was over thirty years ago, and for the times we thought we had fair accommodation, but not one of us had an idea that it would be used for such purposes so many years, and a good many now wonder why we should ever thought it a fair place for a High school. Since then things have changed. We did not own even a hand engine, had no street lights or side walks, things which now seem indispensible. We should have built a High school house before. Now we need a High Grammar school room just as much as we need a High school room. We should have rooms for one hundred scholars, and must have them in a few years at most. There seems to be but one eligible spot. If we occupy this for a High school only, then where shall we put our High Grammar next year or the year after? There is no time when boys need the restraining influence of a male teacher as much as they do when from 10 to 15 years old. Does it not seem to be the best policy for the town to build a house with ample room for one hundred or one hundred and twenty-five scholars, and would it not be better to take the poorer scholars from the High school and take the cream of the other schools and have a High school worthy of the name, and also have a High Grammar school, so that scholars would be better fitted for the High school than they are now? Would it not be much better for our High school scholars, and could they not be better fitted to enter college in this way?

L. W. CURTIS.

Globe Village, April 13, 1887.

Spring Paragraphs.

Wm. Power, market gardener, has a large tract alteady planted with peas and beets.

F. W. Eaton had the first crocus in bloom which we have seen this spring, in his garden on Monday.

A school of musk-rats, sporting in the water at the mouth of McKinstry brook, is a frequent and interesting sight in that locality.

Trailing arbutus, growing in sheltered locations, is just coming into bloom. Blood root, now quite rare in this vicinity, needs another week for its full development.

Local florists are busy getting their flowering and vegetable plants in condition for the season's trade. There is one florist less in Southbridge this year than formerly.

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—Our North Ashford correspondent in the issue of the 15 inst., mentions having an interview with an old gentleman of eighty-three, residing in that town, in which it is stated that "He remembers visiting Southbridge 73 years ago, at which time there were but two houses at the Globe." We fear that our correspondent's informant is slightly in error. In 1814 the date referred to, there were a dozen or more houses at the Globe. The T. N. Harding house, still in an excellent state of preservation, was one of these, another is the large tenement house on Main street near the cotton warp mill. It belongs to the company and is also in good order. another is the residence of Mrs. Daniel F. Newell; then there was the old Plimpton house on the present site of Alden's block, the Major Fiske house, which in 1814 stood on the corner of what is now Mill and Canal streets, and others which want of space will not permit us to enumerate. 1887.

Marriage Bells.

Hiram P. Morse, one of the sturdy and prosperous young farmers of Southbridge was married yesterday in East Boston to Miss Isabelle C. Gradon. The young couple returned to Southbridge on the evening train. On arriving at their future home, the residence of the groom's father, Hiram Morse, they were happily surprised by finding a host of relatives and friends gathered to greet them. The wedding presents were many and beautiful.

Orange Supper.

The orange supper served by the Woman's Relief Corps in Odd Fellows hall last Saturday evening was generously patronized by the public. It was one of the best of the many excellent suppers that have been given by the churches and societes in town during the season. The menu consisted of cold meats, orange shortcake orange pudding, orange jelly, oranges, cake in variety and ices. Supper was served from 6 p. m. until 9 p. m.

Universalist Social Club.

At the meeting of the Universalist Social Club, held last Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. Frank Edwards, the following program was finely rendered after the usual business meeting:

Piano Duet, -	Misses Rice and Edmunds.
Reading, - -	Miss Mary Ellis.
Solo, - -	Miss Florence I. King.
Piano Solo, -	Miss Bertha Clarke.
Solo, - - -	Miss Josie Rice.

The next meeting will be held next Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. Alva Hyde. It is desired that a large number should be present at this meeting, as an interesting program is in preparation. A debate, "Resolved that cremation is preferable to burial" will be one of the attractions. The disputants are J. C. F. Wheelock, negative, and J. F. B. Litchfield, affirmative.

Concert at the Congregational Church.

The concert given by the Congregational church choir last Friday evening was one of the best of the many entertainments of the season. A large audience was in attendance and it frequently manifested its appreciation by hearty applause. The solos by Misses Carrie R. Stone and Annie Cummings were superbly sung and each received a flattering recall. H. I. Osborne of Worcester assisted the choir and his clarinet solos were of great merit and received the recalls they so well deserved. Mrs. J. A. White presided at the piano with her accustomed grace and skill.

Redmund-Barry in "Rene."

The Redmund-Barry company presented the romantic four act play "Renè" to a large audience at Edwards Opera House last evening. As was to be expected, the presentation was superb and left little room for criticism.

The Electric Light.

By invitation of the selectmen, two agents of different electric light companies have been in town since the annual town meeting, and made a tour of the town with a view of ascertaining the requisite number of lights, essential to the well lighting of the town. An agent of the Thomson-Houston system, after a careful survey of the town in company with the selectmen, stated that it would require 70 lights to sufficiently light the town. These he expressed a willingness to supply for $5,020 per year. Mr. French, the agent of the Ball system of lighting has been in town this week. He, also accompanied by the selectmen, made a survey of the town and said that 60 lights would be needed, not reckoning some of the streets now lighted. Mr. French did not give the selectmen his price for supplying this number of lights, but it will be in nearly the same ratio of the 35 which he at first thought would be sufficient to light the town. The price given then was $2,500. The selectmen are anxious to carry out the vote of the town, but they do not feel like taking upon themselves the responsibility of incurring so much greater expense than was at first thought necessary.

—The selectmen have re-appointed the present board of fire engineers for the ensuing year, as follows: Calvin Claflin, A. H. Cozzens, B. C. Stone, J. W. Robinson and M. Egan.

—E. G. Guy has sold the grocery department of his store to Stephen Grant of Boston who has taken possession. Mr. Guy will continue the furniture, crockery and glassware bnsiness.

—The selectmen have re-appointed Joseph Stewart as keeper of the town clock for the year ensuing, and Luther R. Stoodley as an additional special policeman.

Obituary.

Miss Ruth C. Thompson, for many years a well known resident of Southbridge, died in Worcester last Friday evening, in the sixty-ninth year of her age. The Wednesday previous to her death she went, accompanied by her brother, L. V. Thompson of West Brookfield, to the Massachusetts General Hospital to consult with the hospital surgeons, but reaching the institution out of the regular hours for consultation, failed in the object of her visit. They returned the same day to Worcester, and Miss Thompson went to the City Hospital, but staid there but a few hours when she left to go to her former boarding place at Mrs. Hammond's on Lancaster street. Friday morning her disease became alarmingly serious and she continued to fail until night, when death ensued. The remains were brought to Southbridge, Saturday. The funeral occurred at the Universalist church, Monday, at 2 p. m., Rev. Mr. Magwire officiating. It was largely attended by relatives and friends.

Miss Thompson was born in Dudley, but in her early youth her parents removed to Sturbridge where she lived till her early womanhood. Having selected teaching as her profession, she obtained a situation in the public schools of Worcester and remained in that city for ten years. At the end of this period she came to Southbridge to live. Entering our public schools as a teacher she continued the work for a number of years until her impaired health compelled her to seek other work.

Miss Thompson possessed exceptional qualifications as a teacher. She had above all a faculty to impart knowledge to others, and this, added to her sincerity and fidelity of purpose, made her the ideal instructor. She early identified herself with the woman suffrage movement and was a frequent contributor to the periodicals published in its interest. Her writings were of more than ordinary strength and won for her a position among the leading advocates of the movement. She was also a staunch friend of the temperance cause aud suffered no opportunity of advancing that cause to pass unimproved. She was an active member of the Universalist church.

Personal.

—Jacob Edwards of Boston visited Southbridge this week.

—James McDale of Providence, R. I., is Sol. Blanchard's new barber.

—Charles A. Clough of Hartford, Conn., visited relatives in town Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Wells of Boston, spent last Sunday in Southbridge.

—Miss Addie Whipple of Union is the guest of her relative, Mrs. A. M. Cheney.

—Joseph Hickey and Patrick O'Hara, both former residents, are visiting in town.

—H. S. Thompson of Putnam, Ct., visited friends in Southbridge last Friday.

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Funeral of Mrs. H. M. Fiske.

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Henry M. Fiske were held at her residence, South street, last Tuesday afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. Samuel Read of Sturbridge, assisted by Rev. Gorham Easterbrook. Mr. Read spoke of the high esteem in which Mrs. Fiske was held by those among whom she formerly and for a long time resided, and of the tender regard which the church had for her. Referring to the prayer of Christ for his disciples, "Father, I will that those whom thou hast given me be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory," he urged the bereaved ones to think of the one who had left them as having gone to be be with Christ and to share in His glory. The Baptist choir sung with much feeling "God is Love" and "I would not live Always." Mrs. Ballard of Brooklyn, N. Y., niece of Mrs. Fiske, on hearing of her illness came to Southbridge and was in constant attendance upon her. Since coming to Southbridge to reside, Mrs. Fiske has been able to go out but little, and on this account was not generally known. But those who did know her found in her a friend true and tried. With her religion was an every day affair, something to be lived as well as professed. In her memory it may be justly said, "She has done what she could."

Cracksmen at Work.

THE SAFE AT THE DEPOT BLOWN OPEN AND ROBBED OF $150.

The safe at the New York & New England depot was blown open between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock Saturday night, it is supposed, and $152 in bills and change belonging to the company stolen. Station Agent, A. W. Martin, also lost a small amount of private funds. The burglary was discovered by the watchman, Martin Dodd, when making his rounds about 1 o'clock, and Agent Martin was immediately notified. The watchman states that at the hour named, when passing on the platform outside the station, he flashed his lantern through the window into the waiting room and noticed that the door of the ticket office was open. As this door is usually closed and locked at night, his suspicions were aroused immediately, and upon entering the ticket office he found the room full of smoke and the interior pretty badly demoralized. The door of the safe had been blown off, the outside iron shell being blown clear across the room, while the cement filling lay on the floor. The chairs in the room were completely demolished, but not a window was broken, although there are four in the room. The charge of powder must have been a very heavy one, and the small hole drilled in the safe door directly over the lock was in exactly the right place for the powder to fall into the lock. No tools were found lying around, the job was cleanly done and everything marks it as the work of professionals. Entrance was effected through a window opening into the train house where Mr. Martin usually sells tickets in summer. The tickets in the case were not disturbed and none have been missed. It is thought strange that no one in the neighborhood heard the explosion. Parties living in the vicinity state that about midnight they heard a noise resembling thunder, but thinking that the rain storm prevailing had probably changed to a thunder shower, gave it no further thought.

The safe was an old fashioned one of the Morse pattern, and locked with a key. It was built in under the counter. No very large sums of money were kept in it, and the amount stolen was about one day's receipts, Mr. Martin having sent quite a sum to Boston the day previous. The affair produced quite a sensation in town Sunday morning, and a number of persons visited the scene of the burglary during the day.

The company have offered a reward of $50 for the identification of the persons who committed the burglary, but not the slightest clue seems to be obtainable yet. The deed was probably done by members of a gang which has been operating along the line of the N. Y. & N. E. and Boston & Albany roads for several months past. A suspicious looking stranger was seen loafing about the depot Saturday afternoon, but whether this has any connection with the robbery is simply a matter of conjecture.

Important Real Estate Transaction.

One of the largest and most significant real estate sales that has occurred in Southbridge for some time took place this week; George W. Wells having bought the residence and all the land adjacent, comprising the estate of the late William Edwards on Main street.

Board of Health.

The organization of the board has been perfected with Dr. G. G. Bulfinch as chairman and Dr. T. L. Paton as clerk. The board, we understand, have under consideration several measures that if carried out will tend to the cleanliness of the town. They propose to have the families in town keep their swill separate from other waste and have the town collect it for the purpose of feeding it to the swine kept on the town farm. The board also desire to have a place set apart where coal ashes and like refuse matter can be deposited.

A New Manufactory.

Southbridge is about to have an important addition made to its list of manufactories, which when completed and put in operation will add much to the general prosperity of the town. At the time of the purchase of the Columbian privilege by the American Optical Company it was generally supposed that the company would at no distant date erect a building thereon wholly designed for the making of lenses. The proposed building will be 233 feet long, 63 feet wide and will be two stories high, with basement. The capacity of the new factory will be more than double that of the building now used for that purpose. The new building will be constructed of wood with brick basement. Work on the foundation was commenced this week and will be pushed until the structure is completed.

A Significant Move.

The Hamilton Woolen company has decided to put into that apartment of the print works, known as the "white room," 148 or 152 looms. Foreman Simpson is already at work putting up the requisite shafting, and in making other necessary preparations.

—Mrs. C. H. Bigelow has returned from her visit to relatives in Boston and Willimantic.

—A. T. Masman, of the United States Coast Survey, and his wife, are the guests of Charles Hyde.

—Mrs. Julia Lucia whose death recently occurred, had been blind for the past twenty years of her life.

—H. R. Walker of Brimfield has entered G. H. Hartwell's store to serve an apprenticeship to the business.

—Miss Maud Oldham is at home on a week's vacation from her studies at the South Framingham Normal school.

—Mrs. L. M. Warner, of Cleveland, Ohio, has been the guest of her niece, Mrs. Arthur Sutcliffe, the past week.

—Joseph Udell, a printer in the recently burned Cocheco printworks at Dover, N. H., has returned to his home in Southbridge.

—Frank H. Reed, for the past five years the popular clerk in Hartwell's drug store, retires from that position May 1st. His many friends in Southbridge wish him an abundant success in his future career.

—Mrs. Alfred Fallows sailed yesterday in the steamship Bothnia, from Boston for a summer's sojourn in England, her native country. Her proposed trip includes visits to the cities of Manchester, Bolton and Chester.

—George Wald, jr., a former resident, is seriously sick at the City Hospital in Worcester. His sickness is the result of a fall he had in his meat market at Worcester. His parents, Mr. Mrs. George Wald of Southbridge, have visited him at the hospital during the present week.

—The High school building committee has organized with George W. Wells as chairman and Charles Haggerty as clerk. The committee will meet at the office of Superintendent Clark Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. A full attendance of the members of the committee is desired.

—J. L. Boulton, once a merchant in this town, for a short time, died suddenly of apoplexy at the Bellevue Hospital, New York, last week. His funeral occured at his home in Boston Sunday. Mrs. H. N. Carpenter of this town was present.

—Hubbard S. Vaughn, for the past forty-five years a respected resident of this town, has gone to Waterbury, Ct., where he will live with his daughter, Mrs. Kate Gillette. Mr. Vaughn has the heartfelt sympathy of the people in his recent affliction, the death of his wife.

—The following appointments have been made by the selectmen. Member of the Board of Registrars, Luther D. Clemence; funeral conductors, S. Williams, Edwin Bacon, S. T. Cutting, F. E. Mansfield and Amasa Haskell; undertakers, S. Willams and W. C. Callahan.

—Harvey Keeler, a slasher in the Hamilton Woolen company's cotton warp mill, jumped from a team that was backed up to the main entrance of the factory last Saturday, and slipping on the snow, fell and broke his right arm. He was attended by Dr. Curtis and is doing as well as could be expected.

—Edwin Dillaber, who has been an intense sufferer for some time from sciatic rheumatism, has gone to the Massachusetts General Hospital for treatment. His physician expresses a belief in his ultimate recovery, notwithstanding the severity of his case. Mr. Dillaber has the sincere sympathy of his acquaintances as he is a most respected citizen.

—The following relative to a former well known resident we copy from the *Amesbury Villager*:

Walter F. Esten, who has been the efficient superintendent and designer of the Hamilton Woolen company for the past three years, closed his labors on the 16th inst. He is to start a twelve set mill in Montreal, Canada, on fancy ladies' dress goods, there being a good opening there for goods of that character. The buildings are erected, but no machinery is bought, and Mr. Esten will put in only such as are specially required for making this line of goods, Mr. Esten's departure will be regretted by his many friends, who wish him much success in his new position.

Attempt at Robbery.

About 11 o'clock Saturday evening a Mr. Bachand saw two persons enter, through a broken window, the saloon of John W. Silk on Walcott street. He immediately notified Remo Gaumond who in turn aroused several of the men in the immediate neighborhood. After arming themselves with base-ball bats the men surrounded the saloon while Mr. Gaumond went in search of an officer. In a short time Mr. Gaumond returned bringing with him officer Reiley. A lantern being procured, officer Reiley entered the saloon and soon had the satisfaction of arresting Charles Frenier and Alfred Boucher each about 17 years old. After their arrest they were lodged in the lock up. Monday morning they were brought before Judge Jillson, who, after a hearing, bound the prisoners over to the May term of the Superior courr.

Fire at Columbian Village.

Shortly before 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon an alarm of fire was sounded from the Central street engine house. The location of the fire soon ascertained to be at Columbian Village, in a two tenement house owned by Geo. W. Wells and occupied by Julius Stone and a Mr. Bachand. The cause of the fire is, so far as known, a mystery. It was not discovered till smoke was seen ascending from the roof, but it undoubtedly started about the chimney and directly under the roof. The house had been recently slated and this prevented the fire spreading with the rapidity usual with such old buildings. The tenants removed most of their furniture, although Mr. Bachand was obliged to leave some of his goods that were in the upper rooms, and they were somewhat damaged. The most painful feature connected with the fire was the sickness of Mrs. Bachand who had given birth to a child a few days previous. Her attendants had the good sense not to show any agitation nor excitement and she was carefully removed to a neighboring house without apparent injury. The fire was confined almost wholly to the upper story and roof. The loss is $700 which is wholly covered by insurance.

Home Circle.

Monday evening the members of the Home Circle, with a few invited guests, met at a birthday party with Mrs. C. H. Bigelow. Music, games, and recitations were included in the evening's entertainment. Several comb solos were artistically *executed*. A birthday poem, composed by Mrs. J. S. Bartlett was read. It is spoken of as being of considerable merit.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Young men's meeting at 8 o'clock Monday evening. Subject: "The first impulse of a new convert," Acts ix:6; xxii:17-21. A cordial invitation is extended to all young men.

The usual boy's meeting will be held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Next Tuesday evening all members, with lady or gentleman friends, are invited to attend a social reception in the association rooms. In addition to an interesting exhibition in the gymnasium the following program will be given:

Duet—"The Pilot," Millard
Messrs. Allen and Monroe.
Clarinet solo—"Fantasia," Brepsant
Mr. F. L. Geer.
"A Spring Song," Muller
Misses Stone, Cummings, Messrs. Wheelock and Monroe.
Song—"Out on the deep." Lohr
Mrs. E. G.. Guy.
Duet—" O'er the hill o'er the dale" Millard
Misses Josie Carpenter and Annie Cummings.
Clarinet solo—"Venzano Waltz," L. Venzano
Mr. F. L. Geer.

Personal.

—Mrs. Eliza Bartlett of Worcester is visiting in town.

—Miss Cora Marble is reported as being quite seriously sick.

—Norval Newell of New Bedford is in town for a few days.

—Charles D. Bartlett is in Boston this week on a pleasure trip.

—Jacob Edwards of Boston, visited friends in town the past week.

—Frank Bosworth of Brooklyn, N. Y., a former resident, is in town on a visit.

—Local hardware dealers report the trade in ice cream freezers as exceedingly dull.

—Leon Young has returned from Geneva, N. Y., and anticipates again settling in town.

—Wm. Taylor arrived home from Yale college Saturday and remained in town till Monday.

—Wm. A. Lamb of Boston was in town the past week the guest of George K. Dresser.

—James Paton returned home from Malden, Wednesday evening, to stay the remainder of the week.

—Channing M. Wells and Herman Cheney left this morning for Andover where they will enter Phillips academy.

—James Taylor, jr., of the school for Christian workers in Springfield, was in town for a few days the past week.

—Miss Mary Hoar, of Worcester, daughter of Senator Hoar, was the guest of her relative, Mrs. Geo. K. Dresser, recently.

—Miss Lu. Marcy of Fairfield, Iowa, the daughter of John Marcy formerly of this town, is visiting her relative Miss Edith Bartholomew.

—Our local markets are well supplied with spinach, radishes and lettuce. The first sells at 35 cents a peck, the others at 10 cents a bunch.

—The many friends of Miss R. B. Paige will be pleased to learn of her return to town and to her former position as milliner for Wm. E. Alden & Co.

—Mrs. R. H. Cole, now sojourning in the south, was quite sick while in Florida, but we are pleased to learn that she has fully recovered, and is at present in Atlanta, Ga.

—Sanford Freeman, a former resident, at which time he was a wool sorter at the big mill, was one of the Republican nominees for selectman at the recent Webster town meeting.

—Rev. E. C. Bolles, D. D., pastor of the First Universalist church in Salem and quite well known in Southbridge, has been called to the pastorate of the Bleecker street church, New York.

—Theodore Harrington left town Monday afternoon for Hot Springs, Ark. His health is very much impaired, and he goes to this famous health resort hoping to find relief. We hope Mr. Harrington may find a speedy and complete restoration to health.

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—Mrs. Andrew Hall is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

—Dr. George Bates and family have permanently located in Springfield.

—Miss Jessie Harris of Harrisville is the guest of her friend Miss Emma Varner.

—Mrs. Gayton Ballard of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the guest of her relative, Miss Mary Plimpton.

—John Rowley has been dangerously sick with erysipelas during the past week but is now improving.

—Mrs. Harriet Nyms, a sister of Mrs. Marcus Dillaber, whose guest she now is, is dangerously ill.

—We are happy to inform our readers that Dr. Thomas L. Paton is to make Southbridge his permonent home.

—Carrie, the daughter of Julius S. Gleason, is sich with scarletina in Salem, where with her mother she was visiting when taken sick.

—Theodore Harrington has returned from his trip to Hot Springs, Ark., in about the same condition of health as when he left Southbridge.

—Mrs. L. O. Hanson of Springfield, a sister-in-law of the late Deacon George A. Hanson of Southbridge died last Saturday, at her home in Springfield.

—Hon. A. J. Bartholomew, ex-secretary C. D. Paige and C. A Paige, were guests of the Massachusetts club at their banquet at the hotel Vendome in Boston last Saturday.

—Fred L. Geer, Adolph Peloquin and John B. Greene, all of Southbridge, took part in a concert given by Frank H. Geer and his pupils in Slatersville, R. I., Tuesday evening. A correspondent of the *Woonsocket Reporter* says, "The selections were all well given, particularly the instrumentation of Messrs. Geer.

—Nathaniel E. Smith, a former townsman now of New Haven, Ct., was recently presented with a Wheatstone Bridge rheosta and galvanometer combined, a pocket set of telegraph instruments and two standard works on the subject of testing. The combined value of the presents was $150.

—Thomas W. Stevenson left Southbridge, Monday for Oxford, Maine, where on Wednesday he was married to Miss Lena A. Jones of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are now on their wedding trip which includes visits to friends in New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut. After their wedding tour the newly wedded pair will permanently reside here.

—Rev. F. A. Warfield, a former pastor of the Union church, recently preached a sermon appropriate to the completion of five years as pastor of the Porter church in Brockton, and on the following evening Mr. and Mrs. Warfield had a most pleasant reception from the people. The church in this time has grown from 324 to 502, the number of families from 325 to 583, and the Sunday school from 414 to 85[illegible]

The Congregational Concert.

The following program will be given at the Congregational church choir concert this evening:

Chorus—Song of the Vikings,
Duet—How beautiful is night, Richards
Messrs. Wheelock and Monroe.
Female Quartette,
Misses Carpenter, Carrie Marble, Annie Marble, Cummings.
Clarinet sole,
Mr. H. I. Osborne.
Solo—The Gypsies, Buck
Miss Annie Cummings.
Trio—Father lead us by Thy hand, Butterfield
Miss Stone, Mrs. Morse and L. Allen.
Male chorus.
Solo—Swiss Song, Eckert
Miss Carrie Stone.
Quartette—A Medly,
Mrs. Allen, Miss Cummings, Messrs. Wheelock and Monroe.
Clarinet sole,
Mr. H. I. Osborne.
Chorus—Inflamatus.

Y. W. C. T. U.

A goodly number of the Y's met with Miss Mary Clemence on Thursday evening, April 17. Some plans for work were suggested, but most of the time was spent in transacting business. It was voted to send at least, one delegate to The Fourteenth Semi-Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts W. C. T. U., to be held in Pittsfield, commencing Wednesday evening, April 27, and closing the afternoon of Friday 29.

Resolutions upon the death of Miss Cora E. Marble were adopted as follows:

Whereas, In the providence of God, we are called to mourn the loss of one of our official members, Miss Cora E. Marble.

Resolved, That we cherish the memory of this beloved and efficient worker, who had already begun her service of love as Superintendent of our Flower Mission.

Resolved, That the sympathy of the Y. W. C. T. U. be extended to her parents and friends in their bereavement.

The Thursday afternoon prayer-meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms last week was one of profit.

Meeting as usual at 4 o'clock, p. m., next Thursday. All are cordially invited to be present.

—The Reading club met with Miss Minnie Cady, Monday evening. The interstate commerce law was discussed, A. E. Wells leading off for the affirmative and Dr. N. W. Sanborn for the negative.

—William H. Turner sold his real estate, corner of South and Water streets, at auction Saturday morning for $1,400. Isaac S. Pratt was the purchaser. Mr. Turner and family now live in Worcester.

—The High school nine scored its first victory last week at its first game. Yesterday the boys improved their half-holiday by playing two games with a picked nine, winning the first and losing the second.

County Taxes.

The total amount of the County tax for 1887 is $115,000. The apportionment among the towns of this vicinity is as follows: Southbridge, $2,420; Sturbridge, 722; Dudley, 709; Oxford, 1,016; Spencer, 3,061; Webster, 1,938.

—Snow commenced to fall early Monday morning and steadily continued throughout the day, and at night nearly six inches had fallen. Monday afternoon and Tuesday forenoon it was better sleighing than wheeling and many sleighs were on the street.

—Another of those enjoyable surprise parties was given by the Home Circle last Friday evening. The recipient this time being Mrs. J. S. Bartlett. It was a genuine surprise to her, and this fact added all the more zest to the affair. A poem composed and read by W. E. Alden, Jr., was hugely enjoyed by the gathering.

—The Sunday school teachers of St. Mary's church on Easter morning, before sunrise, placed upon the grave of their beloved and revered pastor, the late Rev. John M. Kremmen, a beautiful floral design; a representation of the gates ajar. It was a tender and loving tribute to the memory of their late spiritual teacher.

—F. E. Parker has received from Coldwater, Mich., a vehicle styled in the west a road wagon. It is fashioned somewhat after our common sulky but much stronger, and the seat is so arranged as to avoid the jostling and racking common to the sulky. Our horsemen who have used the new wagon speak well of it.

—Among the appointments made at the recent session of the New England Conference at Leominster were the following: J. C. Smith, Ashland; G. Beekman, Roslindale; E. S. Best, Whitinsville; W. Silverthorne, Princeton; J. M. Avann, Waltham, all former pastors of the Methodist church in Southbridge, Rev. Dr. Lindsay continues as presiding elder of this district.

—The annual meeting of the Southbridge Mutual Gaslight Company was held last Friday evening. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted. The following officers for the year ensuing were chosen: Treasurer, C. D. Dresser; clerk, H. T. Hyde; directors, Andrew Hall, H. C. Wells, C. A. Dresser, J. M. Cochran, I. P. Hyde; auditors, C. A. Paige, F. W. Rowley. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, H. C. Wells was elected president.

—As anticipated, Rev. W. J. Pomfret received a re-appointment to his present pastorate for the ensuing year from the Conference in Leominster.

—Rev. M. J. Courtney of Worcester, has been appointed curate of St. Mary's parish. Fr. Courtney officiated at the services in the church last Sabbath.

—The selectmen at their last session made the following appointments: sealer of weights and measures, T. Potter; janitor of the Town Hall, A. H. Barrett; officer to suppress the illegal sale of liquor, Franklin Jacobs.

—Rev. Albert Gould, once a resident of Southbridge, preached the annual sermon at the conference in Leominster last week. It is highly praised by all who listened to its delivery.

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PROBATE AND REAL ESTATE.

Real estate changes for this vicinity: Joseph St. George—Saml. S. Livermore, Brimfield $2,400; Nathaniel Alexander et al—Orrin W. Brown, Holland 100; J. S. & T. F. Dockham—L Dugar, Charlton 300; M. E. Brown—A. L. Brown, Dudley 100; E. C. Whittlesy—J. Rhodes, Oxford 2,700; Inbbts. Dudley—Prov. Web. & Spfd. R. R. Co., Dudley 1; J. B. Prescott—H. N. Slater, Dudley 1; S. H. Earle et al—N. G. Dodge, Oxford 5; Jacob Edwards—American Optical Co., Southbridge 1; C. C. Cole—J. Labelle, Webster 150; S. M. Clarke—H. Brodeur, Webster 300; S. M. Clarke—M. Kennedy, Webster 250; B. M. Lane—O. Lane, Southbridge 1.

In probate court at Worcester, Tuesday, the will of Adelina D. Vaughan of Southbridge was proved, Jacob Booth, executor, $1500 real, $1000 personal. Leonard Thompson was appointed administrator on the estate of Ruth C. Thompson of Southbridge; George C. Prouty on the estate of John M. Stoddard of Charlton, $500 personal; Sarah L. Badger on the estate of Laura Badger of Southbridge, $400 real, $100 personal; Lewis J. Allen on the estate of Mary R. Allen of Charlton, $1000 personal, $500 real; Guardians accounts were filed in the estate of Cynthia A. Weld of Sturbridge.

In the court of insolvency an adjourned third meeting was held in the case of L. N. Holden of Southbridge.

Refuses to Sell.

John Marcy of Fairfield, Iowa, refuses to sell the plat of land on which the town has decided to erect a High school building. The selectmen propose to proceed at once to take the land according to the law in such cases.

Obituary.

GEORGE WALD, JR.

The dangerous sickness of Mr. Wald at the City Hospital in Worcester was noticed in last week's JOURNAL. It is our sad duty this week to announce his death which took place in Worcester last Sunday evening. His parents, Mr. & Mrs. George Wald, were with him during the day, having driven from Southbridge the day previous. Mr Wald was an exemplary young man, hie character was unsullied and had no vicious habits. He had a cheerful disposition, a generous nature, and industrious habits. He was a universal favorite with all whose good fortune it was to know him. His funeral was held Wednesday from St. Mary's church Rev. Father Donahue officiating. A requiem high mass was held. The floral display was elaborate and costly and all the designs were sent by friends in Worcester.

Three Fires.

The members of the fire department were called out Sunday afternoon to aid in extinguishing a bush fire at the Columbian village. Tuesday morning the house on Central street occupied by Francis Tremblay took fire, probably from the chimney, but was put out without an alarm.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S ALARM.

A fire that might have proved disastrous had it happened a few hours later occurred at 11 o'clock Wednesday evening in the Hamilton Woolen Company's boarding house on Mill street. Two of the boarders while passing through the hall-way discovered smoke coming from the room occupied by John Bonner. Entering the room they found the bed on which Bonner was sleeping on fire. The beds and clothing were thrown out of the window. And the danger of its spreading averted. Bonner had one of his hands quite badly burned and Mr. Varner made a misstep and fell the entire length of a spiral shaped stairway bruising his head severely. The fire is supposed to have caught from Bonner's pipe. The department responded to the alarm but their services were not needed.

G. A.R. Camp-fire.

Malcolm Ammidown Post 168, G. A. R. has made preparations for a grand camp-fire and free public lecture in Edwards Opera House this evening. The lecture will be given by Charles N. Thomas, lecturer at the cyclorama in Boston, on "Here and There in the Civil War." Mr. Thomas has made a critical study of the battle fields of the Rebellion and he comes to Southbridge highly recomended by the press and general public. Stereopticon views will be given. Two hundred seats will be reserved for the visiting guests and the gallery will be reserved for ladies. Posts from Oxford, Spencer, Webster and Sturbridge have accepted invitations to be present.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The postponed informal talk by Rev. W. J. Pomfret on "Here and There in London" will be given on Tuesday evening May 17 at 8 o'clock in the Association rooms.

Topic for the young men's meeting next Monday evening is: "Precious faith and precious promises,' Read II Peter i:1-11. All men are cordially invited.

Boy's meeting at 4 o'clock Sunday to which all boys are welcome.

Universalist Social Club.

The following programme was presented at the meeting of the Universalist Social Club held at the residence of Mrs. Alvah Hyde Monday evening:

Quartette—Messrs. Litchfield and Hill, Misses King and Searles.
Reading—Miss May Stebbins.
Duet—Mr. J. F. B. Litchfield and Miss Minnie Searles.
Piano Duet—Misses Rice and Pellett.

Followed by the debate: "Resolved, that cremation is preferable to burial." The principal disputants were J. F. B. Litchfield, affirmative, and F. E. Corbin, negative. The decision was in the negative on the merits of the question, and on the weight of the argument presented the vote was in the affirmative.

Seasonable Paragraphs.

Early cabbage plants have been set this week by some of our market gardeners.

Indications point to an unusually large crop of cherries, as the trees are filled with blossom buds.

The blossom buds of fruit trees have developed with astonishing rapidity during the past few days.

A bushel basketful of trailing arbutus was sent to Worcester one day this week by a Southbridge party.

Hyacinths in the open ground are in all their glory this week. Several fine beds of them can be seen about town.

Local merchants in all branches of business report spring trade as being better than anticipated early in the season.

Straw hats and lawn mowers have come forth from their hiding places this week and the signs of summer appear on all sides as the mercury begins to climb.

Thomas Comberbach, whose home is on Sayles street, shot and killed a pigeon hawk in his garden Tuesday morning. It measured two feet from tip to tip of its wings, and when first sighted by Mr. Comberbach had just killed a robin.

The finest trailing arbutus we have yet seen, was a lot in possession of B. W. Paton last Tuesday. Several of the florets measured exceeded half an inch across, while a number of the racemes were two inches in diameter. It was picked on the farm of Major Smith of Mashapaug.

Pansies have been for several years the most popular flower in cultivation, and this popularity increases with each recurring year. They are so easily cultivated, stay in bloom so long a time and present such a wonderful variety of colorings and markings that this popularity is deserved. There are some fine varieties of them in Southbridge, noticably that cultivated by Samuel Williams, who has now in full flower hundreds of plants of his unique strain.

—Miss Grace Johnson, bookkeeper for G. G. Guy for some time past, left town Tuesday for New Haven, Ct., where she will take a similar position in a large dry goods store on Chapel street. Miss Johnson's departure from Southbridge is regretted by her many friends, as she is an estimable young lady and occupied an enviable social position which was accorded her for intrinsic merit alone. She will be sincerely missed by her associates in the Congregational church, the W. C. R. and the Y. W. C. T. U.

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—Miss Mary Casavant, aged about 17 years, the daughter of John B. Casavant, was taken sick with acute inflamation of the bowels last Thursday afternoon. Her sickness was so severe that all attempts of her physician to afford relief proved futile, and her death ensued Sunday afternoon. Miss Casavant was well known in Southbridge, and was highly esteemed by all with whom she had a personal acquaintance.

Mary R. Casavant.

I stand beside your cold remains,
Sweet maiden, young and fair,
And see the dark chill dew of death
Upon your brow and hair.

The softest winds from hill and dale
With doleful cadence sweep,
As by your pale and lifeless form
Your kindred, kneeling, weep.

The voice that joy brought to your home
Shall ne'er be heard again,
And footsteps now on floor and hall
Be listened for in vain.

Like springtime's earliest budding rose.
Kissed by the frost wind's breath,
Your young life faded in its bloom,
And sunk at last in death.

Child with pure and noble heart,
Whose thoughts soared high and far,
And looked beyond this earthly sphere,
To a more splendid star;

And watched the flight of human souls,
As passing on through fields of light,
They steered their course to Him.
The poet's song that told their praise
You stored within your mind,
And when the evening shadows fell
You sung each treasured line.

For this I raise the song o'er thee,
And breathe it to the wind,
And ask that it may o'er your grave
Blow soft and low and kind.

And when the summer flowers bloom
In fragrant beauty there,
May zephers sing among their leaves
Their sweetest plaintive air.

And may your spirit sometimes look
From Allah's holy sphere,
And see that though forever gone,
You're still remembered here.

Nellie F. Ryan.

Southbridge Savings Bank.

The report of the treasurer for the fiscal year, ending April 30, shows the total deposits on that date to have been $1,297,385.61, a gain of $45,943.13 for the year. The total receipts of interest for the year were $65,028.70. The net surplus of earnings for the year is $8,175.31. At the annual meeting of the corporation, held Tuesday, the following officers were elected: Trustees, R. H. Cole, C. D. Paige, L. Phelps, J. O. McCinstry, S. Dresser, C. A. Paige, C. A. Dresser, L. W. Curtis, A. J. Bartholomew, G. W. Wells, H. C. Wells, J. M. Cochran, F. W. Eaton, F. L. Chapin, Jacob Booth, C. V. Carpenter. R. H. Cole was re-elected president and C. A. Paige, S. Dresser and C. A. Dresser vice-presidents; C. D. Monroe continues as treasurer, With the persent fiscal year Treasurer Monroe enters upon his eighth year of service as such, and judging by the continued prosperity of the corporation it seems that the mantle of the late honored treasurer, S. M. Lane, has fallen upon capable shoulders.

Y. W. C. T. U. Reception.

Tuesday evening a business meeting followed by a social reception was held in the parlors of the Congregational church by the local branch of the Y. W. C. T. U. The meeting opened with prayer. The reading of the reports of several committees followed and the remainder of the evening was devoted to social exercises, consisting of songs, readings and recitations. If the local branch of the Union is typical of the National organization it must continue to prove a powerful factor for good in the great temperance crusade now going on all over the country. The Y. W. C. T. U. in Southbridge is thoroughly organized and we trust it will continue to spread its good influence in the future as it has in the past.

Another Burglary.

An attempt, which proved partially successful, was made last night to rob the store of J. D. Blanchard & Co. in Whitford's block. The thief was seen to enter the store about 11 p. m. by Mrs. Wilson, who lives in the John Comins house. Her husband was not at home then, but returning at about 1. a. m. she at once informed him. He immediately started in pursuit of an officer. It was nearly 3 o'clock before the doors of the store were opened, and in the meantime a great crowd of people had gathered about the store. But the thief coolly passed into the cellar thence into the bosement of G. L. Winter's store, smashed a window, went through, scaled the fence at the rear of the building and escaped. He obtained about $5 in money from the till. He had collected a suit of clothes, a pair of shoes, shirts, etc.; these he left behind in his hurried exit. As the affair looks at present it is somewhat humiliating for the officers.

Obituary.

Miss Maggie Simpson, daughter of William Simpson, died at her home on West street, Tuesday afternoon, of consumption. She had been ill for nearly three years, but her death was very sudden, she having been dangerously ill but an hour. Miss Simpson was a graduate of the Southbridge High school in the class of '86. She was active in the affairs of the Union church and a member of its Sunday school. Her death is deeply mourned by all her acquaintances, as the attributes of her character were such as to gain the love and confidence of her friends. The obsequies occurred from her late home yesterday, Rev. Mr. Pomfret of the Methodist church, in the absence of her pastor, Rev. Mr. Hayward, officiating. The floral offerings consisted of a cresent from her class-mates of the High school, a pillow from her Sunday school class, a basket and a bouquet.

High School Atheneum.

The newly elected officers of the High school Atheneum are as follows: President, Miss Bertha L. King; vice-president, Willie Bugbee; secretary, F. F. Dresser; executive committee, G. W. Booth. Miss Sadie Bugbee, Miss Bertha Clark.

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Change of Base.

Albert W. Martin, for nearly seven years the New York & New England railroad station agent in Southbridge, will finish his services as such tomorrow. Mr. Martin goes to New Haven, Conn., where he will be the chief clerk of the shore line division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford road. It is a new berth which Superintendent Allen of the shore line has created expressly for him. Mr. Martin will retain his residence in Southbridge for the present. It is nearly twenty years since he came to Southbridge to live, and for nearly all of that period he has been employed by the New York & New England railroad company. His present advancment testifies to the appreciation in which he was held by the officials of that road. For the past two years he has been the chairman of the Republican town committee and at the last town election was urgently requested to allow the use of his name as a candidate for selectman. His departure from Southbridge is sincerely regretted by his large circle of friends. But all wish him an abundant success in his new field of labor.

A petition bearing the signatures of the leading citizens of the town asking that Mr. Martin be retained was sent to the management of the N. Y. and N. E. railroad Wednesday, but Mr. Martin declined to remain under any consideration. I. J. McKinstry will probably be Mr. Martin's successor.

Universalist Church Meetings.

The series of meetings held at the Universalist church commenced Wednesday evening. The audience in attendance was not so large as it should have been, as the excellent singing and able and instructive sermon merited a full house. The services opened with the reading of scripture and prayer by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Magwire. Mr. Mitchell sang the following hymns, the audience joining in the chorus: "I Need Thee Every Hour," "I Love to Tell the Story" and "Nearer My God to Thee."

Rev. B. F. Bolles, a former pastor of the church, preached a sermon to which we should say he had devoted much labor and thought, as it was a studied production, and closely listened to by his hearers. His text was from I Corinthians vi:20, "For ye were bought with a price." At the close of the sermon Mr. Mitchell sang "I Shall be Satisfied."

Friday evening Rev. E. L. Haughton of Springfield and F. W. Bailey of Worcester will speak. Saturday evening Rev. L. Holmes of Charlton, and the pastor will deliver addresses. Prof. Mitchell will preach and sing Sunday morning, and in the evening the series of meetings will close, Mr. Mitchell will be present during the entire time. He is a lay preacher of the Universalist church and is very successful as such as well as a singer. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all. Meetings at 7.30 p. m.

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Y. W. C. T. U.

The prayer-circle of the union is held every Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. For the present, a business meeting will be held at 5 o'clock in the same place. The executive committee are requested to be present and all members are invited.

The lecture Thursday evening by Rev. Hugh Montgomery upon the enforcement of the no-license law, was well attended and full of interest. The speaker presented several lines of work, which may prove to be of much advantage to those connected with this department of the work.

The amount of 30 cents per lady member will have to be forwarded to the state treasury by the first of June and all who have not paid their admission fees are asked to do so within the next two weeks, or we shall be obliged to cancel their names from our present list and enroll them as members for the coming year instead. Fees may be handed to the treasurer or any of the officers.

A Saturday Half-holiday.

Agent Tatterson, acceding to the request of a large number of the younger employees of the mills, has granted them a half holiday Saturdays. Commencing on Monday next, work begins at 6:30 a. m. The time of closing work Saturdays will be at 12:45 p. m. The time of closing work the other working days remains the same.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The last informal talk in the series will be given in the rooms next Tuesday evening by Rev. W. J. Pomfret on "Here and There in London." All members of the association with their lady or gentleman friends are cordially invited.

Meeting for men only, from 8 to 9 o'clock next Monday evening. Topic: "Facts that show," Ex. xxxiv:29, 30; Acts vi:15; Rev. i:16; II Cor. iii:18; Matt. xiii:43. A cordial invitation is extended to all men whether members of the association or not.

Boy's meeting at the usual hour Sunday afternoon.

James Taylor jr. has accepted the call to become general secretary of the Milford association and will commence his duties there July 1st. New Haven, Fitchburg and Milford have each drawn from our association in selecting their secretary, and the local association will have a peculiar interests in the welfare of those orggnizations.

Our Gas.

The gas made by the Mutual Gaslight Company of Southbridge was tested last week by state inspector Jenkins, and found to be of 26.6 candle power, or 11.6 greater than the legal standard which is 15.

Benefit Concert.

A grand benefit concert is to be given Mrs. H. N. Carpenter at the Union church Friday evening, June 3. under the auspices of the church choir, assisted by the choirs of all of the Protestant churches in town. The Southbridge Concert Orchestra will furnish instrumental music. The concert will undoubtedly be one of the best entertainments ever given in town and the public will doubtless heartily respond to the opportunity offered them of showing their appreciation of one of our foremost musicians.

Officers Elected.

The St. John Baptiste Society has elected the followidg list oo officers for the ensuing six months: Chaplain, Rev. Father Brochu; president, M. J. Suprenant; vice-president, G. J. Lamoureux; secretary, Xiste Lescault; corresponding secretary, J. P. Davignon; treasurer, J. D. Proulx; collector, W. Page; assistant collector, B. Proulx; auditors, Felix Gateneau, A. Lataile, Leon Demers; commander, J. Degrenier; assistant commander, J. B. Brodeur.

Spring Vegetables.

The first cucumbers of the season were on sale at 15 cents each, at M. M. Marble's, last Saturday.

Green peas and string beans, the first of the season, are now on sale. The former sell at 75 cents a peck, the latter at 15 cents a quart. Cucumbers have taken a decided fall in price, selling yesterday at 8 cents each.

Fighting Their Battles Over.

LECTURE AND CAMP FIRE OF AMMIDOWN POST G. A. R., FRIDAY EVENING.

The lecture and camp-fire given under the auspices of Malcolm Ammidown Post 168, G. A. R., last Friday evening, was a brilliant success throughout. Posts from Oxford, Webster, Spencer and Sturbridge, together with the Sons of Veterans Camp from Webster were in attendance. The Webster visitors were accompanied by the Webster Brass Band, whose fine appearance and excellent music aided in making the occasion still more enjoyable. The lecturer, Charles N. Thomas, was greeted by an audience that completely filled the hall. Commander George W. Corey of Southbridge, after greeting his fellow-comrades and bidding them welcome to Southbridge, introduced the speaker.

Mr. Thomas' address was clear aud concise, and the accounts which he gave of the various acts in the great drama were undoubtedly as faithful as it is possible at this time to give. The speaker commenced his lecture by giving a short account of the anti-slavery movement from 1830 to 1861. The first picture thrown upon the canvas from the stereoptican was that of William Lloyd Garrison, and as the features of the old hero came into view the audience applauded to the echo. A picture showing seven of the great anti-slavery leaders, namely: Sumner, Greeley, Chase, Seward, Giddings, Wilson and Owen Lovejoy was next shown. This was followed by a view of seven women whom he styled as the Pleiades of the anti-slavery cause. A fine portrait of Wendell Phillips was next thrown upon the canvas and received the cheers of the audience. A portrait of John Brown, a view of the engine house, scene of his execution and a view of Harper's Ferry were given successively. As the view of Harper's Ferry was shown, the veterans loudly applauded. The views thrown on the canvas during the entire discourse were admired for their accuracy and clearness.

THE CAMP-FIRE.

At the close of the lecture, by invitation of Commander Corey, the visiting posts and invited guests repaired to the new headquarters of Post 168 in Odd Fellows hall, where a grand camp-fire was held for the remainder of the evening. Rations of baked beans, brown bread, doughnuts and coffee were dealt out by Quartermaster G. W. Faulkner and assistants. After the rations had been eaten and cigars and pipes lighted, the time preceding the more formal doings of the camp-fire was spent by the veterans in renewing former acquaintances, making new ones and in recalling the scenes of their army life.

Commander Corey opened the formal exercises of the gathering by welcoming his comrades to the camp-fire. He contrasted the present one with those they used to have on the battle-fields of Virginia. He closed his words of welcome by introducing Comrade E. W. Smith, Post 61, and an aid on the department staff. Comrade Smith spoke of the fundamental principles of the organization and of its flourishing condition. The next speaker was Comrade Hyde of Post 27 and of the Worcester division of the G. A. R. He was followed by Commander Jaquith of Oxford. A quintette led by J. F. B. Litchfield next sang "Marching Through Georgia" the audience joining in the chorus, and the way they made the old hall ring reminded one of the war time rallies. Comrade Preble of Webster was next introduced as an ex-Chaplain of the Maine department of the G. A. R. He spoke of the struggle in which they once took part, and his remarks were loudly applauded. J. M. Cochran was the next speaker. Hiram Raymond of Webster treated the audience to a song that pleased the audience immensely. Comrades Jones of Spencer, Morton of Webster, Wheeler and Stevenson of Southbridge next spoke or told a story. "John Brown" was sung by the quintette, the audience joining in the chorus, and stories were told and incidents of the war related by different ones until near 1 o'clock a. m., at which time the camp-fire closed. The visiting organizations returned home by special train at 1 o'clock.

May Notes.

The loveliest bed of hyacinths we have seen in Southbridge, for many a year, is in the garden of Mrs. Andrew Hall.

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SOUTHBRIDGE.

—Mrs. S. M. Lane has purchased several house lots on Oakes avenue.

—Strawberries were plenty yesterday, selling at 20 cents a quart.

—C. W. Williams has taken possession of his new house on Chapin street.

—Miss Emily Bacon of Spencer is the guest of Miss Lizzie McKinstry.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bartholomew visited relatives in Hardwick this week.

—Mrs. R. C. Wheelock of Mendon is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. F. Wheelock.

—Dr. H. W. Bond has opened dental rooms in Edwards block, over Paige & Co's store.

—Mrs. Rose Olds returned Tuesday from her vacation trip to Lawrence and Manchester, N. H.

—The American Optical company have advertised for proposals for building a dam at "Lensdale."

—Mrs. Catherine Kinney was committed to the insane asylum at Worcester, last Friday.

—The yard of the River street school house has been cleared of surface stones and other unsightly objects.

—Frank H. Dean, of Hyde Park, formerly of Southbridge, is president of the Norfork County Teachers association.

—The Central Mills company have adopted the new time table, and will hereafter give their employees a Saturday half-holiday.

—Thomas Mullen has leased the store once occupied by the late S. Thayer on Pleasant street, which he will occupy as a meat market.

—At the auction sale of the Oldham real estate last Monday, Mrs. Oldham was the purchaser, paying $1,230 for the house and land.

—Christopher Abbott killed a seven weeks old calf, Tuesday, whose dressed weight was 130 pounds. Old farmers say this beats the record.

—A child of Michael Fitzpatrick is slowly recovering from a genuine case of diphtheria. This we believe, is the first case of this dread disease in town for several years.

—Tuesday evening the employees in J. D. Blanchard & Co's store by invitation of Mr. Blanchard, attended the fair in Fiskdale. They were conveyed to and from the fair in J. J. Bowlen's barge, "Favorite."

—Fred L. Geer, late foreman of the JOURNAL office, has been compelled to give up work on account of a lung difficulty, and is at present quite ill. Mr. Geer has many friends in town who will join us in hoping for his speedy recovery.

—J. W. Ellam, for a number of years foreman of the *Milford Gazette* office, has been engaged as foreman of the JOURNAL office, and will remove with his family to Southbridge. Mr. Ellam enjoys the reputation of being one of the best and most artistic printers in the state.

—Lizzie May Ulmer and company gave an excellent presentation of "Dad's Girl" at Dresser Opera House Tuesday evening to a good sized audience. The play itself is a good one of its class and Miss Ulmer was well sustained by the supporting company.

—H. H. French received at the Southbridge elevator, Tuesday, a car that contained 8[illegible]2 bushels of shelled corn. Allowing 56 pounds as the weight of one bushel, the total weight of the car load would be nearly twenty-five tons.

—George H. Hartwell has procured a pair of druggist's scales of the most recent and improved make. They are provided with a spirit level which will indicate a hairs deviation from their dead level, and are so delicately adjusted as to be sensible to the hundredth part of a grain.

—The annual French Canadian state convention is to be held in Southbridge this year on the 9th, 10th and 11th of August. The proclamation has just been issued. Messrs. Blanchard, Gatineau and Rheims of this town are members of the executive committee.

To The Memory of Margaret S. Simpson.

Sweet Maggie has gone, with the angels away;
For she was their sister and might not stay
In a world where the brightest things decay.
In her life's young morn she has winged her flight
To her mother, in the land of life and light;
Would we wish her back from her home of bliss,
To the woes and cares of a world like this?

Her soul was too pure for its perishing clay,
Her spirit too bright in this dark world to stay.
It is but the casket we've laid in the tomb.
The gem was too rare for earth's shadows and gloom;
Shall we weep that thus early its luster is given
To blend with the light and glory of heaven?

With a smile on her lip, and a rose on her breast,
Dear Maggie is laid 'mid the flow'rets to rest.
With her chestnut locks kissing her forehead of snow,
Lillies on that pale cheek once with roses aglow,
Her hands clasped on her bosom, so still and so fair,
Our darling is safe from all trouble and care.
Smile on us, blest Maggie, from that bright land of heaven,
Where no sorrow can come, where no fond ties are riven;
Look down on thy father and brother so dear,
On the sorrowing friends, who wish thou wert here.
Be near us, be near us, sweet spirit of love!
And guide us at last to thy fair home above.

M. E. B.
Southbridge, Mass.

Sheep Bitten by Dogs.

Sometime during last Thursday night unknown dogs attacked A. H. Morse's flock of sheep and lambs. None of the flock were killed outright, but two of the sheep and one lamb have since died of their injuries. There were in the flock at the time thirty-three sheep and lambs. Of these, eighteen sheep and seven lambs were bitten, some of them badly. Saturday the selectmen appointed S. T. Cutting and Dr. T. L. Paton as appraisers of the damage done the flock. This they placed at $92, which is little enough considering that the entire flock is virtually ruined.

—Henry G. Amidon is in town for the first time in four years.

—Mrs. Hiram C. Wells is visiting her sons in Boston this week.

—Jacob Booth has moved into the house of H. S. Vaughan on Sayles street.

—Miss Carrie Gleason has returned from Salem fully restored to health.

—John Carroll, a former townsman, visited relatives in town recently.

—The exterior wood work on the Public Library building is being repainted.

—A fire in the direction of Worcester Tuesday evening, was plainly seen from all parts of the town.

—One of H. H. French's grain bins on Hook street burst Wednesday damaging the building somewhat.

—A little preliminary work is being done on the lot on which it is proposed, next year, to build a new French Catholic church.

—A force of out of town workmen are engaged in putting an improved attachment on the spinning frames at the new mill.

—Owing to the small number present the proposed lecture by Rev. W. J. Pomfret in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, last Tuesday evening was indefinitely postponed.

—Yesterday was Ascension day in the Catholic church, and services in its commemoration were held in the churches in town.

—The rules and by-laws of Court Southbridge, A. O. F., and the constitution and by-laws of St. Mary's Total Abstinence Society will soon be issued from the JOURNAL office.

—The Atkinson Comedy Company has been playing "Peck's Bad Boy," in Boston during the present week. The daily papers speak in high terms of the play and its rendition.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

There will be a meeting for men only from 8 to 9 o'clock Monday evening, to which all men are cordially welcome. Subject, "Away from home." Read Daniel i.

Boy's meeting at the usual hour Sunday afternoon.

The Providence association building fund has reached nearly $150,000. They have just received the deed of an admirable corner lot.

Presentation.

Last Friday morning the employees of the N. Y. and N. E. railroad in Southbridge presented the retiring agent, Mr. Martin, with a solid gold watch chain and charm. The presentation took place in the office of the freight station. I. J. McKinstry made the presentation address, to which Mr. Martin feelingly responded. The chain and charm are of elaborate workmanship and were procured of C. H. Bigelow.

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A Fine Work of Art.

The bust of the late Rev. John M. Kremmen, which St. Mary's parish commissioned the sculptor, Andrew O'Connor of Worcester, to make for them is completed, and has been received and accepted by the parish committee. It is of heroic size, and as a work of art is most commendable. The mantle thrown over the shoulders, the clergyman's coat and collar, are all vividly true to nature. The facial expression is one familiar to all who knew Father Kremmen. The bust is cut from the best Italian marble, and is as white and pure as snow. It will be placed in its position in the monument as soon as a curbing is placed around the base, which the committee in charge are in hope of having done next week. There will be no public services at the unveiling of the statue.

Among the Churches.

Rev. Frank Magwire preached in New Boston last Sunday afternoon.

Rev. A. B. Hervey, a former pastor, will preach at the Universalist church Sunday, May 27.

Rev. W. F. Potter, a native of Southbridge, will preach at the Universalist church next Sunday.

—The Universalist Social Club will meet next Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of C. S. Edmonds.

Last Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Daniel, son of the Congregational church and Rev. Mr. Pomfret of the Methodist church exchanged pulpits.

Rev. James Quan of Webster officiated at St. Mary's church last Sunday. The theme of his discourse was, "Where shall we worship the Most High."

There will be a social entertainment by the young people at the vestry of the Baptist church this evening. Ice cream and cake will be served. Old and young are cordially invited.

Last Sunday, Rev. Mr. Sewall, pastor of the Congregational church in Charlton, preached at the Union church in exchange with Rev. Mr. Hayward. Mr. Sewall delivered a very acceptable sermon from Matthew 5:14: "Ye are the light of the world."

Rev. W. N. Tenney of Danielsonville, Ct., will give a temperance chalk talk, under the auspices of the Temperance Wide Awakes at the Methodist church next Sunday at 4:30 p. m. All Sunday school scholars are particularly invited to be present.

Universalist Revival Meetings.

The revival meetings at the Universalist church closed Sunday. Friday evening, sermons were preached by Rev. F. W. Bailey of All Souls chapel, Worcester, and Rev. E. L. Houghton of Springfield. Mr. Bailey very fervently spoke of the joy and need of Christian profession, and Mr. Houghton incisively stated reasons why we should stand publicly for Christ and his work. No soldier would think of going to battle and making claim to patriotism and be unwilling to put on the uniform; so we should not be ashamed to put on the Christian colors. If God did not require the things at our hands that He does, we ought to do them because they are reasonable and produce the happiest and best life. Saturday evening Rev. L. Holmes spoke of the numerical strength of Christianity today and showed by figures how rapidly had been the strides of Christian progress. He alluded to his own Christian experience and the ability of the gospel to help as in our many strugles and temptations. Sunday, Stanford Mitchell preached morning and evening. In the course of his remarks he said that he thought many men who talked so much about saving their own souls needed first to hunt up their souls to see whether they had any, and alluded to Wilberforce, who when asked if he had saved his soul replied that he had been so busy saving others that he had not really thought about his own soul. Mr. Mitchell is a bright, sociable and interesting speaker. He sang throughout the meetings here and won by his singing hearty appreciation. He rendered "Touching the Skirt of His Garment," "Rock of Ages," "the Ninety and Nine," "I shall be satisfied" and other equally beautiful selections. The congregations were quite good ending, on Sunday evening with an audience that almost filled the church.

Worcester Baptist Convention.

The fifty-second anniversary of the Worcester Baptist Sabbath school convention was held in Westboro last week. The secretary's report shows that the percentage of gain in the Central Baptist Sabbath school of Southbridge, during the past year is over 38 per cent, which is the second best showing of any school in the association; Fiskdale being the first. Rev. Gorham Easterbrook is a member of the committee on resolutions and E. G. Guy is the first vice-president of the association for the ensuing year.

A Narrow Escape.

What might have proved a serious and disastrous fire, but which, fortunately, was discovered in its incipient stage and thus averted, was discovered in the tenement house occupied by John Larange, on Wallcott street, last Sunday at about 2.30 p. m. The fire started in a box of rags stored in one the upper rooms, and the first intimation of its presence was the appearance of smoke in the stairway. John Martin and Abram Gomeau both happened to be in the immediate neighborhood at the time and immediately entered the room where the burning rags were with pails of water and in a short time succeeded in putting the fire out. In the meantime an alarm had been sounded from steamer 2 house a large crowd of people had assembled in the neighborhoad. Hook and ladder No. 2 reached the scene of the fire, but their services were not required. The steamer was fired up and drawn into the road from the house, but received notice of the suppression of the fire before proceeding further. The only damage done by the fire was the charring of a mop board and the partial destruction of the rags. No cause is assigned for the fire. No alarm was given from the Central street enginehouse.

The Gray Eagle mines, owned by the Allen Mining and Milling company of St. Louis, are taking out large amounts of rich ore, with assays today of $2 in gold, $2,530 in silver and 36 per cent in copper. This is on the north side of South Percha. On the south side of the creek one of the mines is yeilding ores, some of which assayed $7,800 per ton.—*El Paso (Tex.) Times.*

C. M. Newell, recently of Southbridge, is financially interested in this mine.

—At the annual meeting of the Southbridge Water Supply company held Tuesday, 10th inst., the following officers were elected: President, F. L. Chapin; clerk and treasurer, F. W. Eaton; directors, F. L. Chapin, G. W. Wells, I. P. Hyde, C. A. Dresser, A. M. Cheney, H. C. Cady and L. D. C lemence.

Fire at Hyde's Box Shop.

Hyde's box shop was discovered to be on fire at about 9:30 o'clock last evening. Happily, Louis Shaw, who lives near th shop, saw the fire soon after it had started and soon succeeded in putting it out. An alarm was given in town and the entire department responded, but the fire was subdued before they reached the building. The fire caught from sparks from burning shavings.

Globe Council.

A pleasant social gathering was held in the spacious parlors of the Council last evening. Invitations had been sent to a large number of persons, and judging by the large attendance they were all accepted. Worthy Leader, C. H. Bigelow, in opening the meeting, greeted the guests of the Council and bade them welcome to the evening's festivities. An excellent musical and literary program was given consisting of a piano solo by Miss May Oldham; reading by Miss Mary Ellis; duet by J. F. B. Litchfield and Miss Minnie Searles. J. M. Cochran's lecture on "Chinatown" and San Francisco was replete with interesting facts and reminiscenses. An ample collation was served at the close of the program.

Y. W. C. T. U.

Any one who desires is invited to read and take papers and pamphlets from the box of temperance literature in the post-office. It is desired that the reading matter be disposed of occasionally, in order to give the superintendent of this department the opportunity of refilling the box often.

The study of Paul's life is being taken up through the month of May. Come with your bibles and bring a friend.

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Personal.

—D. D. Clemence of Brockton visited friends in town the present week.

—William C. Callahan has moved into his new residence on Hamilton street.

—Paul Dennis is able to walk about some, after his long continued sickness.

—Miss Emma King of Worcester is the guest of her cousin, Miss Florence King.

—Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Spaulding of Webster visited friends in town Wednesday.

—Mrs. Edwin Bacon is gradually recovering from a two month's illness.

—William E. Horton has purchased a fine family horse and carriage.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar M. Phillips spent last Sunday in Hartford with relatives.

—James T. McKinstry has a hen that recently laid an egg that measured 8 1-2x 8 inches.

—Alexander Senecal has so far recovered from his illness as to ride out for a short distance.

—Misses Lizzie and Minnie Herron of Cherry Valley were the guests of their brother, William Herron, last Sunday.

—Mrs. Hitchcock and Mrs. Tapley, the mother and sister of Mrs. T. M. Place, and both of Northampton, are the guests of Mrs. Place.

—Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hersey of Leicester, residents of Southbridge a score of years ago, were in town last Friday.

—J. and T. Ryan have purchased of George K. Dresser the "Johnson" house on Mill street.

—Frank E. Esten, a former townsman, was the guest of H. C. Wells last Sunday and Monday.

—Thomas Kearns has entered the employ of the Connecticut Clothing Company as a clerk.

—Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding of Worcester are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dresser.

—Miss Martha Cutting will act as organist at the Union church during the absence of Mrs. H. N. Carpenter.

—Mrs. M. T. Brunt of Boston, visited her mother, Mrs. M. V. Moulton, and met many old acquaintances last Sunday and Monday.

—J. M. Olney has moved into the house recently vacated by M. M. Marble. Mrs. J. C. Martin has leased the former home of Mr. Olney.

—At the hearing granted by the selectmen in relation to the taking of the lot of land on the Marcy estate on which to erect a High school building, yesterday, only a few persons were present. John Marcy of Fairfield, Iowa, was represented by his agent, Henry Clark. Mr. Clark, in behalf of Mr. Marcy, offered to give the town $500 in money towards defraying the expense of purchasing a lot of land elsewhere.

The High School Question.

The conviction seems to gaining ground that the town has not been acting wisely in selecting its site for the new High school building. The reasons for it are these: In the first place the land is so situated now that it cannot be purchased at any price from the fact that it is a trust estate in which the Marcy heirs have obligated themselves to secure William in the full enjoyment of it during his life by bonds. If taken, they would be liable to any injuries he might be able to show, in a controversy regarding the damages for taking such an estate. It would be most likely to make a showing that would swell the claims beyond the limits of reason or prudence. In the next place, the area is not as large as it should be. The question is this, is it not better to select a spot ample in size, located where it can be purchased for a reasonable sum and owned by the town? That is what any private citizen would seek to do in a matter of his own. Why should not the town do the same? Then again, this estate is historical in interest and many feel that it is not the part of a right public sentiment to condemn a part of it to a public use against the will of the owners where it causes a great injury to the remainder, unless the necessity is imperative. If this was the only available lot in that locality it might be a different question. It is certainly desirable, but not so much more so than several others as to warrant the struggle and cost of securing it.

We understand the statutes authorize the jury on a petition for damages for taking land for school house purposes to change the lot taken to some other part of the petitioners estate. It would be inevitable in this instance that any sum the town would deem reasonable for this land would not satisfy its owners for the injury they consider it to be to the remainder of the estate. So that legal proceedings could not probably be averted. Suppose therefore the land owners should make that right a ground of injunction for restraining them until the matter of location could be settled by a trial and the verdict of a jury. The town might be consuming a year or two of time and wasting its substance in unnecessary controversy before being able to scarcely break the ground for a High school building, which the town needs now, and in the end meet with absolute defeat of all hope or chance of securing that particular lot. The suggestion is obviously wise that the town should not attempt to press this project against the protest of the Marcy family, but should look elsewhere for a lot that can be purchased and be as advantageous to the public as this. We suppose that a High school building is needed now.

CITIZEN.

Southbridge, May 19, 1887.

May Notes.

Miss Mary Plimpton has 5000 thrifty early cabbage plants set out.

Strawberries, the first of the season, and of good quality, size and color, were received at T. Potter & Co's. last Friday. They retailed at 28 cents a basket.

Last autumn Hiram C. Wells filled the anchor shaped flower bed on his lawn with tulip bulbs. These are now in full flower and present one of the most effective groups of plants in town.

A huge cactus, one of Rev. Mr. Hayward's choice collectiong, bending with its weight of scarlet flowers, was placed on the communion table at the Union church last Sunday morning.

A carnation plant that produces 100 blooms in a season is considered by florists a satisfactory yield, but Miss Mary Plimpton has one that has at present 200 buds and blooms. This plant is nearly three feet in hight and of a proportionate breadth. It is of the Seawan variety, that has a rich dark crimson flower.

One of the most desirable shrubs in cultivation is the scarlet flowered quince (Cydonia Japonica). It is a native of Japan, but has been cultivated in this country for so long a time as to become perfectly hardy. Its beauty when in flower is greatly enhanced by shortening the previous year's growth, annually. By pursuing this mode of culture, in a few seasons one can have a bush that is so compact that when it is in full flower it is a veritable ball of fire.

We have observed that the old peach trees that have come down to us from a former generation, and which are frequently seen standing—for they have ceased growing—by the side of old roadways and near the ruins of some former habitation have blossomed very freely this spring; while nursery grown trees have barely survived the severity of the past winter. This circumstance teaches us that peach culture can be successful in this latitude. The main obstacle in the way is the getting of home grown stock. The planting of nursery trees, in this section, that are almost sure to have been propagated in New Jersey or Maryland is time and money thrown away. Could the fruit that sets on these old trees, of which we have spoken, be allowed to reach maturity and the pits of such saved and planted, a stock that would be hardy and free from yellows would be the result.

Mr. Martin's Successor.

I. J. McKinstry succeeds A. W. Martin as the N. Y. and N. E. railroad station agent. He having received the appointment last Friday morning. Mr. McKinstry's familiarity with the people of the town, and his former experience as the bookkeeper at the station, together with his natural business talent, admirably fit him for the position.

John W. McKinstry has returned from Boston and taken the place made vacant by I. J. McKinstry's promotion.

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TOWN WARRANT.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the constables of the town of Southbridge, in the county of Worcester,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the town hall in said Southbridge, on Tuesday, the 31st day of May, 1887, next, at eight of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to pre side at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to sell the school house on Plimpton street or act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for lighting the streets with electric lights or give the Selectmen further instructions therefor or act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen taking a lot of land at the corner of Main and Marcy streets for a High School building or act thereon.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint measurers of wood and bark or act thereon.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the hown will raise and appropriate additional money for the completion of Edwards street or act thereon.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to adopt a system of sewerage, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to purchase or take land for a High School building or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL and the *Southbridge Herald*, the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting,—or by posting up such attested copies in four conspicuous public places within the town at least nine days, including Sundays, —before the day of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place hereinbefore named.

Given under our hands this 18th day of May A. D., 1887.

A. H. WHEELER,
W. D. MORSE,
GEORGE L. CLEMENCE,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy, attest,
J. S. DRESSER, Constable of Southbridge.

Mrs. Carpenter's Benefit Concert.

Following is the program to be given at Mrs. H. N. Carpenter's benefit concert, Friday evening, June 3.

1. Organ Duett — Selected — Mrs. Carpenter and Miss Cheney.
2. Chorus—with organ, piano and orchestra. "He that goeth forth and reapeth."—from Ruth.
3. Orchestra—Overture—Tancred, - - Rossini
4. Baptist Choir—A Sailor's life give me, White Miss Searles, Mrs. Guy, Messrs Litchfield and Hill.
5. Song—Selected, Miss King.
6. Piano Solo—Selected, Miss Oldham.
7. Ladies' Quartet—Thou Lovely Star, Otto Lob Misses Searles, Dresser, Rice and Mrs Guy.
8. Orchestra—Casino Tansi Waltz, - - J. Gring
9. Semi-Chorus—Congregational Choir, C. D. Munroe, Director
10. The Viking—Miss Minnie Stone, Solo Soprano
11. Song—The Blind Man's Holiday, - Poutet E. W. Winter.
12. Ladies' Trio—Chorus of Nightingales. Misses Bugbee and Alden, Mrs. Wooster.
13. Male Quartet (soprano obligato)—Hie Thee, F. Kucken
Messrs. Litchfield, Taylor, Bartlett and Winter Miss Searles.
14. Quartet—Universalist Choir—The Nightingale Misses Dresser and Rice, Messers. Carpenter and Edmunds.
15. Chorus—Praise the Lord, - - From Ruth

Orchestra: Messrs. Rowley, violin and director; Peloquin, 2d violin; Green, cornet; Tuthill, clarionet; Cook, trombone; Carpenter, bass; Mrs. Carpenter, piano.

Organists: Mrs Carpenter and Miss Cheney,
Accompanists: Misses Rice, Pellet, Cheney and Mrs. White.
Pianist—Miss Oldham.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

From southern lands come strawberries,
On market stalls are toothsome dates,
The cherries deck the cherry trees,
And pairs are seen on garden gates.
—*Boston Courier.*

—S. K. Edwards is making preparations for the building of a new house on Edwards street.

—Frank Shepard caught an enormous snapping turtle in Pleasure pond, Wednesday.

—The total number of dogs licensed to date is 191, as against 177 for the whole of last year.

—It was seventeen years ago last Monday that C. A. Paige's Dresser Hill mill was burned.

—Last Monday evening P. N. LeClair gave all of his employees a free ride to the fair in Fiskdale.

—A force of railroad workmen were in town Wednesday, gathering up the ties scattered along the road.

—Mrs. E. L. Crumb of Forestville, Ct. will preach in the Pratt district school house, next Sunday at 5 o'clock p. m.

—O. Scott Lee of Clinton, a native and former well known resident of Southbridge, was recently granted a patent for an improved shuttle for weaving wire cloth.

—Mrs. H. N. Carpenter will sail for Europe in the Cunard steamship Cephalonia, Thursday, June 9. Mrs. J. L. Boulton of Boston, once a resident of Southbridge, will accompany Mrs. Carpenter.

—General Superintendent, R. E. Stevenson; Train Dispatcher, J. N. Ross; Master Mechanic, W. G. Taber; and Road Master, A. Goss, all of the N. Y. & N. E. railroad were in Southbridge, Tuesday.

—Rev. Silvanus Hayward will preach the annual memorial sermon before Malcolm Ammidown Post in the Union church next Sunday morning. Pews will be reserved for the post and all visiting soldiers.

—Alfred McKinstry's portable steam saw mill was destroyed by fire at Douglas, last Friday morning. The fire was not discovered until the building was nearly consumed. It is supposed to have caught by sparks from the flue.

—The marble bust of the late Rev. John M. Kremmen was set in its permanent place in the monument last Monday by the sculptor, Andrew O'Connor of Worcester. A neat marble curbing has been placed about the monument. The bust will be unveiled next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

—A pen drawing of Andersonville prison as it appeared August 1, 1864, has been exhibited in the show window of J. A. King's store this week. The picture is 5x4 feet, and gives a view of the enclosure of the stockade, and in the margin are views of occurrences and incidents connected with life at the prison.

—Three-eighths of an inch of rain fell Tuesday night. It was the first considerable rain-fall since the 29th of April. Wednesday evening there were indications of a formidable thunder shower, but before the rain began to fall the clouds separated, one section passing to the north, the other to the south-east. Only a mere sprinkle of rain fell in Southbridge.

—At New York on Wednesday, Miss Eva Theston, known in theatrical circles as Etelka Wardell, an actress, was awarded $5400 by the jury in her suit against Leonard F. Tracy to recover for money advanced. Mr. Tracy was the superintendent of the Central Mills in Southbridge in 1870, and is well known in manufacturing circles.

—The JOURNAL office gets out as a badge commemorative of Decoration day this year, an acrostic (slightly changed) from the pen of the late Geo. H. Hartwell. This will be printed in blue, and above it in red a picture of Lieut. Ammidown on white silk. As a memento of the past of our "Southbridge Boys" no one will be sorry if they are so lucky as to get one to wear next Monday.

—The Dalton, Ga., *Citizen* has the following to say concerning Professor Harper, late superintendent of schools in Southbridge: "One of the most interesting and instructive lectures we have heard in many days was that on The Wonders of Astronomy, by Prof. Harper, last Tuesday night. Prof. Harper is a graceful lecture, and he handled his theme well and intelligently on this occasion."

—The citizens of Globe Village have requested the selectmen to appoint a sufficient police force to keep the sidewalks and street corners cleared of loafers. In complying with this request, which we doubt not the selectmen will do, let them go a step further and abate this growing nuisance of street corner loafing. It has become an intolerable disgrace to the community, and we have frequently heard it remarked upon by visitors in town to its detriment.

Y. W. C. T. U.

J. R. Kane, esq. of Spencer will deliver a Temperance lecture in Dresser Opera House, next Sunday evening, at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. Father Donahue has kindly consented to introduce the speaker. Mr. Kane is an eloquent talker and an earnest advocate of the temperance cause.

—The receipts of the strawberry festival at the Union church last Tuesday were $47.

—The Southbridge Brass Band serenaded their fellow member, Thomas Miller, at his home on Chapin street last evening.

—John Bonnette, formerly a barber in the Dresser House block, has gone to work for Sol. Blanchard.

—Little Johnnie Flood, aged four years, the son of John Flood, died yesterday of diphtheria.

—Mrs. Gauthier, wife of Dr. F. Gauthier, has been dangerously sick the past week, but is now in an improved condition.

—Miss Cora Lombard, a teacher in Brigham academy, Bakersfield, Vt., is at her home in Southbridge on a two months vacation.

—The Edwards Grain Company is laying the foundation for a new barn, to be attached to the east wing of their store on Crane street.

—The St. Mary's Temperance Aid Society have leased for their own use the rooms in Alden's block, recently vacated by Dr. H. W. Bond.

—Every man in town that wants to work is employed. As a consequence local trade is better than it has been for several years. Last Saturday traders in all branches of business were kept busy from morning till late at night.

—John M. Cochran leaves tomorrow for Suncook, N. H., where he will deliver his lecture on "Across the Continent," Saturday evening. Monday he will deliver the Memorial day address before Sturtevant post, G. A. R., of Concord, N. H.

—Edwin Dillaber returned to his home in Southbridge Tuesday evening from the Massachusetts General Hospital. His right leg was amputated above the knee a few weeks since and he is consequently in a very weak condition. Mr. Dillaber has the sincere sympathy of his fellow townsmen in his severe affliction.

—Early in April a certain Southbridge merchant who has been in business for several years, advertised for the first time since he started in trade. This he did exclusively in the JOURNAL. Since he commenced advertising his trade has increased to such an extent as to necessitate his employing more clerks than he has needed in any previous season. Moral: Advertise; advertise continuously; advertise in the JOURNAL.

—The Hamilton Woolen Company has sunk a well near the new mill pond, the water in which runs through a two-inch lead pipe to a tank in the boiler house, from whence it is pumped into the boilers as required. The company has done this in order to get a supply of water for the boilers in the new mill that will be freer from deleterious matter than that taken directly from the pond.

—Last Sunday evening Officers Jacobs and Reiley, assisted by P. M. Clark, raided J. Bowlen's place for the second time. Nothing however, not even three per cent was found. Monday evening the same posse raided Bernard Silk's establishment and seized fifteen and a quarter dozen bottles of beer which, on analysis, proved to be under three per cent.

Personal.

—Augustus Cook has returned from his western trip.

—Miss Marietta Tower is recovering from a quite serious illness.

—H. T. Hyde visited relatives in Amherst this week.

—Miss M, Fanny Leonard is spending the summer in Gardiner, Maine.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Wilcox are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Charlton, in Lawrence.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Paige are in Providence, R. I., for a week's sojourn with relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker of Worcester are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Taunt.

—Mr. and Mrs. John S. French of Central Village, Conn., the parents of H. H. French, are his guests.

—Fred L. Geer has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to walk out a portion of the day.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morton and son, Raymond of Worcester, were the recent guests of Mrs. L. M. Litchfield.

—Rev. B. V. Stevenson of Ware, formerly of Southbridge, fell from a scaffold in his barn recently, and was quite badly hurt.

—John Bradbury, a resident of Southbridge thirty-odd years ago, is visiting his relative, Albert McKinstry.

—The Y.W. C. T. U. and Temperance Wide Awakes will give a musical and literary entertainment in the Baptist church next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Admission ten cents.

Accidentally Shot.

John, the ten-year-old son of Andrew J. Plimpton, received a severe but not dangerous wound by the accidental discharge of a pistol which he was handling, Wednesday morning. The boy was rubbing the grit off the stock of the pistol when it was discharged. The ball struck his second rib on the right side and has not yet been found, although Dr. Bradford who was called to attend him has probed twice for it. Yesterday the boy complained of a pain in his right shoulder and it is possible that the ball may have worked its way to that spot.

Band Concert.

A good band is a source of pride and enjoyment to the citizens of any town. Southbridge has one of the best local bands in the county, and its members should receive the aid and encouragement of the townspeople in their efforts to place the organization on a firm footing. The band gives a concert in Edwards Opera House this evening, and all who enjoy good music should not fail to be present. The admission fee has been placed at the low price of 10 and 20 cents.

The New Factory at Lensdale.

Work on the foundation of the lens manufactory is being pushed with all possible dispatch. The lumber for the superstructure is begining to arrive, and in a few days the carpenters will be busy in forming the frame of the building. The new dam which it is proposed to build will make a pond about twice the size of the old one. It will start from a point but about twenty-five feet above the mill. The rollway of the dam will be on the left side of the river. The bulkhead gate will be near the dam, thus obviating the necessity of having but a short canal. The pond made by the new dam will overflow the old pond and canal, except that portion below the new dam.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

"Christ seeking the lost" is the topic for the meeting for young men only next Monday evening. Read Luke xv:2-7. All men are cordially invited.

The Sunday afternoon boy's meetings are discontinued until September.

The regular monthly business meeting of the association will be held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Young men desiring to join the association are requested to send in their names.

Another Lot for the High School Building

We have been shown a plan, prepared by interested parties, of a lot of land on the corner of Dresser street and Marcy street extension, which can be purchased for a High school building lot. The lot can be divided into two sections, either of which can, we understand, be purchased for the sum of $2,000. One section has a frontage of 195 feet and the other of 190 feet on Marcy street extension. It is understood that John Marcy's offer of $500 towards purchasing a lot would apply to this one, thus reducing the price to $1,500.

—E. B. Hyde of Port Henry, N. Y., has entered the employ of G. H. Hartwell. Mr. Hyde comes to Southbridge highly recommended as an experienced and capable pharmacist.

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The result of Tuesday evening's town meeting seems to have been generally satisfactory. A good lot has been secured for the High school building and one which in some respects possesses advantages over the Marcy lot. The electric light question has been satisfactorily disposed of, and we may expect to see the streets lighted by electricity in the near future. The number of lights contracted for will be amply sufficient. The tendency has been to overestimate the number required The system adopted, the Thomson-Houston, is working with excellent satisfaction in other towns in the county and state.

The Wide Awakes.

Rev. W. N. Tenney's temperance chalk talk at the Methodist church last Sunday evening was listened to by a large audience. The pews of nearly one half of the auditorium were occupied by the children in attendance. After prayer by Rev. Joseph Danielson, Rev. W. J. Pomfret introduced Mr. Tenney, who in coming before his audience requested the children to sing "Rescue the Fallen." While the singing was in progress Mr. Tenny printed upon a blackboard extending nearly across the pulpit platform the words "Sample Room," the word "Sample" being semi-circular in form. The speaker in addressing the children asked what a sample room was. No one giving a definition, he told them it was only another name for a rum shop. Rum sellers, he said, would prefer to be called wine dealers, but he saw no harm in calling them by their right name. The speaker then affixed to the letter S the letters e-g-a-r and asked the children what it spelled. Receiving a correct answer the speaker said the word was usually spelled another way, but in some parts of the country he had seen it written as above. Proceeding Mr. Tenney said that a cigar had been described as a roll of tobacco with fire at one end and a fool at the other. It is the first step in the drunkard's career. He asked of the children the cause of Gen. Grants death, and was told a cancer. That cancer, he said, was caused by Grant's smoking too many cigars. Smoking an old pipe, he added, killed General Hancock by producing rheumatism of the heart. The speaker then added to the letter "a" the necessary letters to form the compound word "apple-juice-cider." He had never seen any cider but what contained from three to eight per cent of alcohol. He characterized it as one of the nastiest drinks imaginable. The other letters in the word "sample" formed the initial letters of "milk-punch," "porter," "lager," "egg-nog;" and the letters of the word "room" those of the words "rum," "Ohio-wine," "Old Rye" and "mixed-drinks." The lecturer was one of the most practical, original and interesting ever given in Southbridge on the subject of temperance.

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—The roof on Whitford's block is being re-slated.

—Johnie Paige is the happy owner of a new pony and cart.

—One and one-half inches of rain fell during the last storm.

—The mammoth plate glass windows for the facade of the new bank building were placed in position this week.

—The ladies of the Baptist church will hold a strawberry festival Friday evening, June 17th, in the church vestry.

—The dyeing department of the Hamilton Woolen Company's printworks is stopped for the annual taking of stock.

—Rev. William O. Hale of Worcester will preach in the Pratt district school house next Sunday, at 5 o'clock p. m.

—The Union church Sunday school scholars are preparing for an elaborate floral concert to be given Sunday, June 12.

—Thomas Ryan, accompanied by his venerable father, listened to the lecture of the patriot O'Brien in Boston, last Sunday evening.

—James M. Belknap's new tenement house on South street is nearing completion, and will be ready for its tenants in a few weeks.

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—Mrs. Mary Welch died yesterday morning at the venerable age of 81 years. She was among the first of our earliest Irish settlers.

—James and Thomas Murray, former residents of Southbridge, now of Providence, R. I., visited their parents this week. Mrs. James Murray accompanied her husband.

—In the District court, before Judge Jilson, last Friday morning, John J. Bowlen pleaded guilty to a charge of maintaing a liquor nuisance and was fined $100 and costf.

—Charles G. Bryson, once a well known resident of Southbridge, died recently in St. Peter, Minn. If we mistake not, he was one of five brothers who served in the Union army in the Rebellion.

—The shed connecting George W. Wells' residence and barn on Main street is being torn down, and preparations are under way for the removal of the barn to a position north of the house.

—Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Curtis with their daughter, Jessie, start next week on a carriage journey. During the trip they visit friends in Blackstone, Fall River, Brockton, Marlboro and Worcester.

—The U. S. Club will meet at Mrs. Edwin Bacon's Monday evening, June 6. A full attendance is desired. Carriages will leave the Universalist church at 7:45 p. m.

—D. M. Cowie of the Webster *Times* office was in town Tuesday, making arrangements for the appearance here of the "Chimes of Normandy" company next Friday evening. The subscription list for the opera can be seen at Paige & Co's.

—Misses Carrie Stone and Florence King, Mrs. Carpenter and E. W. Winter are solo singers at the Union church concert this evening. Besides the above Miss May Oldham is on the program for a piano solo.

—John Butterworth, driver of the Fiskdale coach, to compete with the many fine turnout of Memorial day used his newly painted coach on his evening trip, and fully demonstrated his ability to handle the reins over his four-in-hand.

—James F. Purcell of Worcester, a well known resident of Southbridge twenty-odd years ago, at which time he was a clerk for John Edwards & Co., died in that city last week. Rev. James Donahue of Southbridge was among those in attendance at the funeral.

—Last Monday morning Mrs. H. N. Carpenter's pupils presented her with a fine, large photograph album beautifully bound in red plush, as a memento of their kind regards and well wishes. The album is mounted on a standard and can be elevated or depressed at will. A shield on the cover bears this inscription, "Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, from her pupils, May, 1887."

—The opera "Chimes of Normandy" will be presented by an excellent amateur company from Webster at Dresser Opera House next Friday evening. The *Webster Times* says:

The presentation of the "Chimes" receives the encomium of being the best rendered opera ever given in Webster There is a wonderful list of local talent in the repertoire, most of whom have given pleasure upon former operatic occasions.

—A tally-ho coach drawn by four cross-matched horses, with two coachmen arrived in town last Friday night. The party accompanying it on its arrival went to Boston Saturday by rail. Wednesday a party of young people came from Boston and Newton and left yesterday on the coach for their homes.

Mr. Cochran's Oration at Concord.

Following is a brief abstract of the Memorial address delivered by John M. Cochran of Southbridge at Concord, N. H., last Monday. The address was listened to with close attention by a large audience and is highly spoken of by the local papers:

In beginning his oration Mr. Cochran traced the ancestry of the early settlers of Concord back to the band of Scotch Irish emigrants, who settled in that section in the latter part of the seventeenth century, alluding in the course of his remarks to a number of interesting historical facts. Reviewing state and local history down to the time of Daniel Webster, and John P. Hale, New Hampshire's representative to Congress, the speaker reached the time of the outbreak of the civil war and spoke in substance as follows:

It has been truly said that for thirty years before the war we had been a nation of money-getters.

Commercial prosperity was our highest aspiration. We were blinded to a certain extent, to those higher motives and principles that should actuate men, but when the cry went up that the nation was in danger, then the nobler part of our men sprang into existence and the fact was developed that the national honor and prosperity was as dear to them as to their forefathers; and as though in God's providence, men were created for the times. There sprang up a race of gigantic heroic men, who developed an unexpected and unlooked for genius for war, for finance, and for government. And for the labors thus put forth, the strength and courage thus displayed, from the martyred president to the humblest private, they are all worthy and deserving of immortality in the hearts of their countrymen.

Look at the whole state of national and political affairs before the war: the falseness and duplicity used in fabricating an excuse, the utter baseness of those entrusted with the most important departments of government in betraying their trust, and attempting to assist in committing a national suicide, all for the purpose of extending and perpetuating that which was a curse, a crime and lasting blight upon our pretence of being a free nation, and was a lie in the face of the world when we wrote those immortal words: "That all men were created free and independent, and of right ought so to be." All this was done to perpetuate that crime, I say, which to-day no living man will stand forth and say he believes to be for our individual or national good, and for which all — even those that fought for the Lost Cause, raise their hands to God and thank him that it has passed away forever.

What was the glory of Alexander and Cæsar? The meteor that flashes across the skies. Different, far different is the glory of those who fought in the late war.

Excited by no ambition of conquest or avaricious desire of wealth; irritated by no jealousy, envy, malice or revenge; prompted only by the love of their country, her fundamental laws, her national, essential and inalienable rights. If there is any one thing above another of which every citizen of this land should be proud, is the pure, unspotted and unselfish purpose which sent our friends and brothers forth to do battle during the Rebellion, from the lowest private to him who lead our armies to full and final victory, they were men actuated by the highest and purest motives. I point to their record with pride and challenge its equal on any page of history ancient or modern. I place them side by side with the heroes of Thermopylæ and shun not the comparison. American mothers and wives suffer not when compared with the noblest of Sparta. Rome sent forth her best and most noble youth to do her battle, and to add glory to her power and culture, but they fought for glory and conquest. *Ours* for the perpetuation of the country which has become a home and an asylum to the oppressed of the whole world.

All civilized nations and peoples seek to perpetuate the memory of those who have led the way in whatever has tended toward national glory and national strength.

As with nations so with states and towns. The lettered shaft commemorative of a life devoted to the cause of freedom, education, justice and human progress, has a voice, which we cannot fail to hear. We will strew those graves with lilies of the valley, fairest and loveliest of flowers; with bright eyed pansies, and roses of the hue of blood; we will place upon them crosses of immortelles, and crowns of living green; emblematical of that immortal part of their family which shall never, never perish, and at the head of each grave is placed the flag under, and for which, they fought — the red, white and blue — symbolical of the motives in which so many laid down their lives. Red, as typical of the life blood so freely poured out upon their country's altar, and as a signal of defiance to all wrong or oppression. White stars upon the fields of blue, that as the stars of heaven are true to their course, so these valiant men would not swerve from that true loyalty and allegiance they owe to their country. And white, emblematical of the purity of motive which called them forth to battle, and to this lavish expenditure of life and treasure, a fit shroud to spread above the dead, and banner to bear in the van in our onward march toward future prosperity and greatness.

And if each will take upon himself the responsibility of thus doing his duty to his country, to himself, to the public at large, quietly but conscientiously, such duty performed and the remembrance of the blood that has been poured out as a libation, the heroic deeds which all should emulate, the acts of humanity which all should cultivate, and the pure lives and motives which we have this day commemorated, will all unite to make the land as hallowed ground.

"What's hallowed ground? 'Tis what gives birth
To sacred thoughts in souls of worth.
Peace! Independence! Truth! go forth
Earth's compass round;
And your high priesthood shall make earth
All hallowed ground.

Alarm of Fire.

Yesterday morning a kettle of hot lard in the residence of George Wilson on High street boiled over, and catching fire, caused an alarm to be sounded from Steamer 2 house, but the fire was extinguished before the arrival of the steamer.

Temperance Entertainment.

The entertaiment given by the Temperance Wide Awakes and the Y. W. C. T. U. in the Baptist church Tuesday evening was well attended. Recitations and exercises were given by Frank Cummings Bessie Chapin, Willie Olney, Sarah Fallows, Arthur Aldrich, Lillie Bacon, Charlie Litchfield, Minnie Davis, Miss Booth, Wille Barnes, Sarah Chapin, Maud Goodier, Waldo Whittemore, Miss Holmes, Charlie Clee, Harold Clark, Eddie Cummings, Alice Clee, Sadie Cairnes, Miss Ellis, Minnie Guy. Much credit is due Mrs. L. A. Potter who had charge of the entertainment.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

—Rev. Charles Wetherby of Milford, a cousin of Charles and H. T. Hyde of Southbridge and a well known Congregationalist minister, died in Nashua, N. H., last Sunday. He was quite well known in Southbridge as he had preached on several occasions at the Union church. At the installation of Rev. S. Hayward he delivered the sermon.

—The testimonial concert to be given Mrs. H. N. Carpenter by the Union church choir this (Friday) evening in the church will doubtless be the ideal entertainment of the season. So large and select an array of local talent has never before been seen together in Southbridge. The program is a choice collection of the finest vocal and instrumental music, of so varied a character as to suit all tastes. The price of admission is but 25 cents and the concert will be one thoroughly deserving the patronage of the public.

—Some weeks since the following items appeared in the JOURNAL:

Local merchants in all branches of business report spring trade as being better than anticipated early in the season.

Straw hats and lawn mowers have come forth from their hiding-places this week and the signs of summer appear on all sides as the mercury begins to climb.

After being used by several of our out of town exchanges they turned up in Southbridge again last week, as original, if not very timely matter.

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Temperance Address.

A vigorous temperance address was given in Dresser Opera House last Sunday evening by J. R. Kane of Spencer. An audience that completely filled the house was in attendance and throughout the delivery of his address the speaker merited and received the close attention of his audience. Sylvester Dresser presided in the absence of Rev. James Donahue, who was unable to be present. After the singing of several hymns by a double quartette, the speaker was introduced. He began his address by alluding to his well worn subject, but like the story of the cross it was ever new and the friends of the cause of temperance would bear aloft its banner till it had triumphed over its foes. He gave an account of the origin and work accomplished by the law and order league. Starting in Chicago for the avowed purpose of stopping the sale of liquor to minors, its work was managed so skillfully that in a short time it accomplished this object and 30,000 minors in that city were saved from the rum shops. So effectual had been the measures of the League that branches of it were formed in other cities and towns and its field of labor made to include all departments of temperance work. Since then it has brought about important temperance legislation in a number of states, and is continually and effectually fighting the rum traffic. The speaker gave an account of the work done in Spencer by a branch of the league. The business men of the town had concluded, he said, that the liquor traffic must be stopped. To this end they first decided that they would pay the officers of the town a sufficient sum to enable them to be away from their work or business and not feel that they were doing more than they could afford. There were in Spencer at this time twenty-three liquor saloons, but so persistently had the temperance work been carried on, that today Spencer is a no-license town and the rum shops are closed. Mr. Kane spoke of the large number of Irish people engaged in rum selling, and his remarks on this point were very severe, but being an Irishman himself and backing up his statements by quoting such authority as Revs. Conaty and Griffin this portion of his address was particularly valuable. After the speaking the double quartette sang "Move Forward" and the meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. Joseph Danielson.

Spec Shop News.

A large engine lathe has just been received from the Pond Machine Co. of Worcester. It was designed and mode expressly for the A. O. Co. for turning large iron shells used in lens grinding. It will be set up at the new shop when finished.

The large force of men have made a great change at the Old Columbian. The foundations for the new shop are nearly finished. A. C. Moore (civil engineer) has furnished a very complete plan for the new dam that is to be built.

A. E. Buell of the machine room has purchased a Rudridge rotary convertable tandem tricycle which he claims is very handy, convenient and easy to manage. It is the only machine of the kind in town.

H. A. Tuthill of the turing room left for New York Thursday where it is understood he will fill a position in the orchestra of a traveling theatrical troupe. Mr. Tuthill will also visit his home in Weymarth, Pa.

TOWN MEETING.

Appropriation Made for 'Electric Lights.—A New Lot for the High School Building.—Other Business.

Tuesday night's town meeting was one of the most significant ever held in Southbridge. While the number in attendance was not so large as at some other town meetings, yet it was large enough to fill all the seats and occupy a good portion of the standing room. Town Clerk Phillips called the meeting to order and read the warrant. A ballot for moderator resulted in the election of J. M. Cochran. C. A. Paige moved that the meeting adjourn to Saturday next at 2 o'clock p. m. Selectman A. H. Wheeler opposed the motion of Mr. Paige, and stated that the meeting had been called at this hour, in order that laboring men could attend. The moderator put the question and it was lost.

Article 2, relating to the sale of the Plimpton street school house, was then taken up and the treasurer was authorized to convey the property on the recommendation of the school oommittee.

Article 3, which related to the contracting for electric lights was then in order, and A. B. Goodier set the ball in motion by moving that the town instruct the selectmen to contract for not less than thirty-five nor more than fifty electric lights.

Mr. Wheeler took the floor and stated the doings of the selectmen since the annual meeting. The town was given to understand at that meeting that for the sum of $2,500 it could be lighted by electricity, but on another examination it was stated by the agents of two different companies that nearly twice that amouut would be required Under these circumstances he stated that the board did not wish to take the responsibility of contracting for them without further instructions.

Mr. Tatterson moved that the article be indefinitely postponed. The motion was lost, 64 voting in favor of, and 81 against its postponement. Mr. Goodier's motion was then put and carried.

Mr. Wheeler stated that the selectmen wished the meeting to make the number of lights a definite one.

Mr. Bartholomew taking the floor advised the adoption of electric lights as a measure of economy. He thought it would stop the further asking for street lights which has become a feature of every town meeting. Mr. Bartholomew submitted a vote that the selectmen be instructed to contract for forty lights, these to be lighted twenty nights in a month and until 11 o'clock p. m. His vote in the form of a motion was adopted by the meeting. The sum of $1,850 in addition to the annual appropriation of $2,500 was voted to defray the expense of the new lights, thus making a total appropriation of $3850.

Article 4 was to see if the town would accept the selectmen's report regarding the taking of the Marcy lot for a High school building. The moderator read the report and submitted it to the meeting. It was almost unanimously voted not to accept it.

Under article 5 the meeting authorized the selectmen to appoint measurers of wood and bark.

Charles Haggerty moved that articles 6 and 7 be laid on the table. Mr. Wheeler opposed it and Mr. Haggerty withdrew his motion.

On the taking up of Article 6 Selectman Morse recommended the further appropriation of $400 for the completion of Edwards street extention, and that sum was voted.

Article 7 was laid on the table temporarily.

Article 8 of the warrant related to the purchase, or the taking of a lot on which to construct a High school building.

Mr. Haggerty advocated the purchase or taking of a lot to the north of the one first proposed on Marcy street, or, if this could not be had, he would buy the Dr. West lot on the opposite side of the street.

Mr. Hayward earnestly recommended the Rowley lot, so called, as a location possessing many desirable advantages.

C. A. Dresser recommended the Dr. West lot.

Mr. Wheeler stated that he had been informed that Dr. West would not sell any of his land for the purpose of building a High thereon.

Dr. West in answer to the question as whether he would sell or not, replied that he would not, as he had come to the conclusion that the building of a school house on that location would depreciate the value of his own and neighbor's land.

Mr. Wheeler urged the purchase of the lot at the corner at the extension of Marcy and Dresser streets.

Mr. Haggerty mentioned in a quite lengthy speech the objections to this location. New side walks would have to be built, and other improvements added, whereas on any of the lots he had recommended these improvements were already established.

Mr. Wheeler having put his recommendation in the form of a motion, it was voted upon and carried.

F. L. Chapin then took the floor and in a neat little speech which had a telling effect, mentioned the advantages of the new lot.

W. C. Barnes spoke in favor of the new lot.

B. A. Leonard said that the voters of Southbridge knew that both Mr. Wheeler and himself spoke so fast that what they said didn't amount to much, but Mr. Chapin they all knew talked sense.

Article 7, was to see if the town would vote to adopt a system of sewerage.

Dr. Bulfinch urged the town to appropriate the sum of $150 for the purpose of getting expert testimony relative to a general system of sewerage, and that amount was appropriated.

It was voted to appoint a committee of five, consisting of the Board of Health and two other gentlemen to be appointed by the moderator to procure expert testimony. The meeting adjourned at 10.30 o'clock.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Observances in Southbridge—Rev. Mr. Hayward's Memorial Sermon—Address by Charles M. Smith of Worcester.—The Parade.

Sunday's Memorial services at the Union church were commendably appropriate and fitting to the day and the occasion. Malcolm Ammidown post attended the church in a body. The church was tastefully decorated with a profusion of exquisitely arranged floral pieces, bouquets and mounds. Conspicuous among the floral designs was a representation of the "Rock of Ages." An upright anchor filled exclusively with white flowers, while another anchor made of pansies, formed the pendant of a bouquet stand. The organ selections were very appropriate and superbly given; they consisted of: "The Soldier's March," played as the veterans marched up the aisle of the church; response to prayer, "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground;" offertory, "Star Spangled Banner." Mr. Hayward's sermon received throughout its delivery the

closest attention, and it was wholly deserving the high praise accorded it. Mr. Hayward, previous to announcing his text said, in substance: "In the days of war, of which this day especially reminds us, but one thought filled all loyal souls. In the midst of business, in the service of the sanctuary and amid all other scenes, over all and under all, and through all other thought, was the consciousness of the great struggle in which we were engaged. So the Christian world has but one thought running athwart all other thoughts—the struggle, and the coming victory of the Prince of Peace.— As we expected in the days of the war that every public speaker would dwell on this theme, so now Christian hearts can never be satisfied with any discourse that leaves out the great warfare of the Kingdom of God. You could not respect that church or that preacher who should fail on this day to call your attention to the one theme that is of highest interest of all the question of loyalty or rebellion in the Kingdom of God, and I have selected by way of accommodation words found in Jeremiah li:27 as my text, "Set ye up a standard." The Lord is always calling upon mankind to set up a standard. An opportunity is always afforded to enlist in his army. The Lord's recruiting office is always open. In the days of the war it will be remembered that a person desiring to enlist in the army had to pass the requisite examination. A certain hight, age and physical condition was necessary in the candidate for enlistment. But all may come and be accepted in the Lord's army. There is nothing difficult or mysterious about enlisting in His army. No hours or days are set apart during which enlistments may be made, but at all times and in all places you may become a soldier of God's. People express doubts as to whether they are accepted of God, but in times of war no one doubted his acceptance or his rejection as an enlisted man. This you knew. So you must know now if you have enlisted under God. "In thy cometh I shall in no wise cast out." But enlistment is only the first step. We must wear the uniform of a soldier and be identified with some organization. The earnest zeal of war is always on the church of God. Loyalty to the standard of the church of God He demands. One may find in His service rebaffs and trials, yet he will stand victorious in the end. He may be alone and unknown to us, but he will not be unknown to God. "Sit ye up a standard." He that doeth this is sure of victory at last, and of its full fruition. Not a partial or incomplete victory for these is no imperfection in God, but every evil of mankind shall be blotted out. Then by the camp fire above you shall repeat the story of your battles with the unnumbered hosts of the redeemed.

MONDAY'S EXERCISES.

Monday, Memorial day, dawned bright and clear, and although the sky became overcast later in the day, yet it was as a whole an exceptionally fine day. Early in the morning people began to wend their way to the cemeteries with floral offerings, and the decorations of the graves of the departed were never more profuse. Early in the afternoon the Southbridge Brass Band gave a brief concert on the street to the great satisfaction of a large crowd, just previous to the starting of the procession. At 2 o'clock, Malcolm Ammidown post, G. A. R., formed in line in front of the hall with Calvin Claflin as chief marshal, and headed by the band the procession marched over the prescribed route. No other organizations were in line, and the procession lacked the interest of former years, when so many of the organizations in town took part in the parade. On the return of the procession from the Globe, members of the post received bouquets from Odd Fellows hall and again took up the march to the Catholic cemetery, where the graves of soldiers buried there were decorated. After re-forming, the procession counter-marched to Main street where the Woman's Relief Corps and the public school children joined it. The procession then marched down Elm street to the cemetery where the band and post halted along the road fronting the tomb, while the Relief Corps and school children went directly to Oak Ridge. At the signal, the playing of a dirge by the band, the graves were decorated simultaneously. The band and post then joined the Relief Corps and children on the ridge. Here the services were of an impressive character and fraught with the hallowed significance of the day. They consisted of singing by a quartette, prayer and a short address by Rev. Gorham Easterbrook. The decorating of a mound erected by the Relief Corps to the memory of the 145,000 unknown dead and the dedication of the Logan memorial. This ended the ceremonies and another Memorial day was numbered with the past. In the evening Comrade C. M. Smith of Worcester delivered his lecture "From Andersonville to Freedom" to a large audience in Dresser Opera house. He told the story of his fearful suffering while incarcerated in the rebel prisons on Belle Isle and at Andersonville. His narrative was thrilling throughout and listened to with interest.

Electric Light Contract Awarded.

The selectmen at a special session last evening awarded the contract for the lighting of the streets of Southbridge with electricity, to the Thomson-Houston company. The contract provides for forty lights at a cost of 27 cents per light. The contract further provides for the lighting of these twenty-three nights in a month, and with the further provision that they may be lighted on three additional nights in a month, should it be thought necessary by the selectmen, without additional cost.

Personal.

—Geo. W. Oakman of Boston is in town.

—Mrs. Katie Fiske visited friends in town Monday.

—William H. Campbell is at his home from Cranston, R. I.

—Bernard Allard is gradually recovering from a severe illness.

—S. P. Irwin, jr. visited Southbridge, Sunday and Monday.

—C. M. Cooke, now of Watertown, was in town Decoration day.

—Carl Steere of Boston was the guest of friends in town, Monday.

—Frank Freeman of Worcester was the guest of J. S. Dresser, recently.

—Mrs. John Rowley has been quite sick recently, but is at present improving.

—George C. Shepard has moved into his new residence on Chapin street.

—Miss Mary Brophy of Worcester is the guest of her relative, Mrs. M. Thimblin.

—Miss Clara Hefner while on a recent visit to Boston purchased a fine, new piano.

—Mrs. E. F. Jackson of Worcester visited Southbridge, her former home, this week.

—A promising two weeks old colt of A. B. Goodier's died last Saturday morning.

—Henry A. Morse is on a combined business and pleasure trip through Vermont.

—Moses E. Irwin, a former well known resident, was a Decoration day visitor in town.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Marsh were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Horton this week.

—A. Fyfe Hall came home Saturday from his Boston school and staid until Tuesday.

—James Taylor has been on a visit to his family. He returned to New Jersey Wednesday.

—Mrs. Oscar F. Barrett is in Hartford, Ct., the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Barrett.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Winter of Springfield are the guests of their brother, G. L. Winter.

—James W. Phelps of Passaic, N. J., formerly of Southbridge, is visiting friends in town.

—A. B. Goodier, Dr. G. G. Bulfinch, C. V. Carpenter and others, will attend the de-cennial celebration of the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum in Boston next week.

—The congregation at the Union church are loath to part with their organist, Mrs. Carpenter, even for the summer months, yet as she is to go, they all join in wishing her a *bon voyage* and safe return.

—At the semi-annual meeting of the National Association of Woolen Overseers, held in Worcester last week, C. M. Cooke, until recently a resident of Southbridge, was selected by the president of the association, to read a paper on cloth finishing at its next meeting.

—Miss Bridget Keveny, a well known and estimable young lady died at her home on Canal street, Sunday night. Her funeral was Wednesday and many of her friends and relatives attended. Miss Keveny at the time of her death was nineteen years old.

—Miss Mary Remington, teacher of the Main street grammar school, spent Decoration day in Worcester.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. H. Grant of Providence, R. I. were visitors in town last Sunday and Monday.

—Mark Royce of Webster and Miss Belle Putnam of Boston were the Memorial day guests of Herbert E. Wells.

—Miss S. Genevieve Williams has returned from a week's sojourn with her sister, Mrs. Bailey, in Danielsonville, Ct.

Southbridge Fire Department.

Following is a roster of the fire department as at present constituted: Steamer company No. 1, Charles Phipps, foreman; E. L. Gay, assistant foreman; Franklin Cady, engineer; George Bartlett, assistant engineer; Eugene Comstock, clerk; William Felton, Joseph Bebo, Robert Moore, William Northup, A. E. Buell, George Armes, Frank Felton, James Marble, Ernest Chandler, R. J. Stoodley, George Keach, substitute. Steamer company, No. 2, C. W. Hall, foreman; G. Upham, assistant foreman; J. A. Ryan, clerk; J. Splaine, treasurer; A. H. Simpson, engineer; G. Simpson, assistant engineer; G. Thayer, James Holden, Thomas Burns, W. Bartlett, L. Reilly, L. Flynn, Robert Peppard, G. Simpson, J. Monroe, John Hefner. Hook and Ladder company, No. 1, George V. Moulton, foreman; M. L. Dillaber, assistant foreman; E. A. Brown, clerk and treasurer; A. M. Higgins, Everett Kenfield, Frank D. Vinton, Charles Stone, Julius Stone, Napoleon Duquette, Louis Duquette; Elmer D. Chamberlain, James Bowlen, substitutes. Hook and Ladder company, No. 2, John T. Hobin, foreman; Edward Splan, assistant foreman; Michael William Kelly, clerk; John Cuddihy, treasurer; Thomas Shea, steward; Peter Cunningham, John J. Ryan, William Kennedy, Thomas Ryan, Lucian D. Vinton; Michael Walsh, John Hogan, substitutes.

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Obituary.

SUMNER MARSH.

The funeral of Sumner Marsh was held at his late residence on Elm street, last Tuesday and was largely attended, many elderly people being present. A quartette rendered finely "My Jesus, as thou wilt," and "Home, Sweet Home." The pastor, Rev. Joseph Danielson, after speaking of the veneration in which old age is held, especially if it bears the impress of Christ's image, drew attention to the fact that Mr. Marsh's life lacked only three months of 90 years. When he was a child Washington was alive. He was under the administration of twenty-one different presidents, from John Adams down. He saw our country grow in territory from thirteen to thirty-seven states, and in population from 6,000,000, to nearly 60,000,000. When he was a boy no steamboat had ever plied our waters, or coal had ever been dug from our mines. The railroad, telegraph and telephone all came into use during his day. The war of 1812 found him a lad of fifteen years. Waterloo seems to us a great way back, but he was then a young man of sixteen. At the opening of our civil war, twenty-six years ago, he was an elderly man of sixty-four. The complaint is often made that things move slowly, yet during the period covered by this single life it is impossible to estimate the progress made in science, art, invention, education, religion and in every department of human endeavor. The part which Mr. Marsh took in the world's progress was that of a humble christian citizen, whose life may be briefly outlined. He was born in Southbridge, which was then a part of Charlton, Sept. 17, 1797. Here he was married to Josephine Mason, and lived with the wife of his youth for nearly 60 years, having celebrated his golden wedding ten years before his death. Of the two children that were born to him, one became the wife of Rev. Dr. H. E. Niles, of York, Pa. and the other, a graduate from West Point, gave his life to his country at the battle of Chancellorsville. With the exception of twenty years, spent partly in Lowell and partly in connection with the custom house in Boston, Mr. Marsh's whole life was passed in Southbridge. For many years he was engaged in the shoe business. In early life he was connected with the state militia, and was familiarly known as "Captain Marsh." Uniting with the Congregational church in 1843, his professional life as a christian covered 44 years. In personal qualities, our aged friend was positive. He had a mind of his own and could not easily be moved from his opinions. Though brusque in manner and abrupt in speeh, he was extremely kind at heart, and at times as playful as a child. Music was his delight and his voice was heard in religious meetings to the last. He thought a great deal of his children and grand children. His attachment to his aged friends was strong and nothing pleased him better than to sit down with them and tell stories, in which he showed not a little of drollery and innocent humor. Another marked feature of his character was a contented mind. Twenty years ago a voice seemed to say to him, "You've done enough, sit down." And gracefully did he obey, his last days being spent, not in pevish and vain regrets, but in happy content. Religiously he was a man of prayer. To pray was a habit with him. Except in two instances, he said grace at the table down to the closing day of his conscious life. Whenever his pastor called he expected a season of prayer. His attendance at church was constant, and he remained a member of the Sunday school to the end. In his last sickness he fancied he was away from home, and longed to return, often asking when he was going to start. At length the summons came, and with his work all done, he passed on to his everlasting rest.

"Why mourn ye that our aged friend is dead?
Ye are not sad to see the gathered grain,
Nor when their mellowed fruit the orchards cast.
So then be glad that he has lived so long.
And glad that he has gone to his reward,
And deem it not that nature did him wrong
Softly to disengage the vital cord;
And when hand grew palsied and his eye grew
Dark with mists of age,
It was his time to die."

SOUTHBRIDGE.

—The Pine street plank-walk is to be rebuilt.

—Steamer 1 had its regular monthly drill last Friday evening.

—Hook and Ladder company No. 2 were out for practice Monday evening.

—Remember the adjourned town meeting, Saturday, 18 inst., at 2 p. m.

—The iron bridge sidewalk has been replanked by Dwight Chamberlain.

—The annual convention of the W. C. T. U. will be held at East Brookfield next Thursday.

—Sol Blanchard's barber shop is being enlarged by the removal of the casings about the chimney.

—H. T. Hyde & Co., have put up a large new panel sign, painted for them by H. A. Walbridge.

—Elder Boston of Worcester will preach in the Pratt district school house next Sunday at 5 o'clock p. m.

—George A. Hanson, of Minneapolis, once a resident of Southbridge, has been dangerously sick, but is now recovering.

—Knowlton Brothers of Worcester purchased the wood lot on the Willard Morse estate at the auction sale Tuesday, for $4,200 cash.

—A well dressed and genteel appearing young man was seen on the street yesterday, begging for money enough to pay his car fare to Worcester.

—Edgar D. Morse visited the Soldier's Home in Togus, Me., the past week, where he was the guest of Peter Cain and Linus Albee, Southbridge soldiers.

—Alfred McKinstry has rebuilt the woodwork and repaired the engine and boiler of his steam saw mill recently burned at Douglas and will soon restart it.

—The Wide Awakes will hold their annual meeting in the Town hall this afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

—J. M. Dunham, superintendent of the Merrick thread works of Holyoke, with Mrs. Dunham, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Litchfield the past week.

—The Hamilton Woolen Company refilled the East St. Louis Beef Company's refrigerator with ice this week for the first time since it was first filled in the winter.

—The board of selectmen have deferred the purchasing of the lot on the east side of Marcy street extension, for a High school building, until after the adjourned town meeting.

—The Board of Health propose to enforce a strict compliance with their rules and regulations recently published, and will permit of no violation of them on the part of anyone.

—Selectman A. H. Wheeler of the Democratic state central committee attended the banquet given by Congressman P. A. Collins to Democratic members of the legislature and state committee at the Quincy house, Boston, last Tuesday.

—The new organ for the Methodist church is finished and will be here in a few days. Arrangements are being made for a concert and organ recital very soon, possibly June 23. Special musical talent will be engaged.

—At the annual meeting of the Union Universalist Association held in Fitchburg last week, Rev. Frank Magwire preached a sermon before the members of the association, and at the election of officers for the ensuing year he was chosen clerk and treasurer of the society.

—The prevailing opinion in town is that the selectmen made a better contract for the electric lighting of the streets than it was thought possible for them to do. The price for which they have contracted, 27 cents per light, makes it the cheapest electric light in the county. Another good feature of the contract is the provision made for the lighting of the streets, without further expense, on three additional nights in a month, should the moon be obscured.

—Henry A. Morse, while on his recent trip to Vermont, purchased a full blooded Holstein cow and a three months old calf, not akin. These, he intends, shall form the nucleus of a herd of this famous breed of cattle. Tattycoram, the cow, has a milk record as a four-year-old, of sixty-eight pounds in one day. She is now seven years old and was bought by Mr. Morse of F. L. Houghton of Putney, Vt., who claims to have the oldest established herd of Holsteins in this country.

Let's Have a Horse Railroad.

There has been considerable preliminary talk within the past few days about building a horse railroad between the town proper and Globe Village, and there is no apparent reason why such a project would not result in a paying investment. A horse railroad starting from Lensdale—Columbian Village, running through Main and Hamilton streets to the N. Y. & N. E. depot and continuing to Globe Village, would be a convenience which hundreds of people would not be slow to appreciate. The town is built in such a way that it is peculiarly adapted for such a road, and the road bed is excellent for almost the entire distance. Interested parties have secured figures from the treasurer of the horse railroad company at Laconia, N. H., a road of about the same length as the one contemplated, showing the cost of construction and equipment of that road, which approximates $20,000.

The cars would undoubtedly be well patronized by workmen in the American Optical Company's works and by hundreds of others whose business necessitates daily trips between the villages. Similar enterprises have been very successful in other places where the outlook at the start was much less promising than here. If after building the road to Lensdale it should be deemed advisable to extend it to Sandersdale, it could easily be done.

We have no hesitation in saying that, if built, the road would be an actual benefit to the town in more ways than one. With electric lights and a horse railroad, Southbridge could claim rank as one of the model towns of the state.

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—The new organ for the Methodist church arrived yesterday.

—Base ball: Main street clerks and cigar makers this p. m. if pleasant.

—Miss Myra F. Weld of Southbridge is a member of this year's graduating class at Wellesley.

—The ladies of the Congregational church intend to hold a strawberry festival week after next.

—Railroad switches of an improved make are being placed along this section of the N. Y. & N. E. road.

—A benefit concert will be tendered Miss Florence Newhall in Dresser Opera House next Friday evening.

—W. R. Dean of Worcester has moved the Botham house from its former location on Elm street to Everett street.

—The New York & New England railroad company are to put in a new iron turn-table, the old one having become unsafe.

—James H. Kelley has added to his fine and large stock of poultry, a pair of pea fowls which attract a great deal of attention.

—Sumner Marsh, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Southbridge, died at his home on Elm street, last Thursday evening.

—St. Mary's Temperance aid society dedicate their new rooms in Alden's block, by a dance and supper this evening. The dancing will take place in A. O. H. hall.

—J. T. Robinson, agent of the Thompson-Houston electric light company, was in town yesterday, and in company with the selectmen, rode around town and designated the positions of the lights.

—C. D. Paige has contracted with J. P. Cheney for the erection of two two-story tenement houses, on lots lying north and south of the residence of S. P. Irwin on Elm street.

—The Dalton, Ga., *Argus* of May 21 contains another complimentary notice of a lecture on astronomy recently delivered by Prof. Harper, superintendent of schools in Dalton, formerly of Southbridge.

—Dr. I. T. Johnson, for the past eleven years a practitioner in Orange, has permanently located in Southbridge. He has his office with Dr. West for the present. See his advertisement.

—The editor of the New England Fancier was in town recently and inspected the poultry yards of W. C. Cady. In a recent issue of his paper he says Mr. Cady's Langshan fowls are among the best in the country.

—The choir of the Congregational church are to give, at an early date, a concert in School House hall, Fiskdale. We can assure our Sturbridge and Fiskdale friends that the entertainment will be one worthy of their patronage.

—The new time table on the Boston & Albany road shows two extra trains put on which are of interest to Southbridge passengers. A train leaves Charlton at 7:13 a. m., arriving in Worcester at 7:45 a. m. Another leaves Worcester at 12:30 p. m., Charlton at 1:02 p. m., arriving in Palmer at 2:05 p. m. No public conveyance from Southbridge connects with these trains, except the 10:40 mail wagon which arrives at Charlton in time for the train east at 12:50, and the 1:02 train west.

—The friends of Dr. V. A. Clement, now residing at St. Guillaume, P. Q., will be rejoiced to learn that the patrimony lately falling into his possession, has placed him in a position of competence and freedom from the perplexing duties of professional life. Those here who remember the doctor will certainly send their congratulations. He was a skilful practitioner and a man every way worthy of success. He was here when quite young and fitted up the office of the Edwards house as a drug store. He continued there for several years as druggist and practicing physician until he sold his interest and returned to his home in Canada. The doctor was a genial companion, popular among his acquaintances, and quiet and attentive to his business. We are glad to know that prosperity has never forsaken his career, and that paternal affection has added its blessings to what he had already justly earned for himself. J. W. R.

Personal.

—Rev. Father Courtney of Worcester was in town Tuesday.

—Patrick Mullen has removed his family to Providence, R. I.

—Selectman Morse is in Boston enjoying a short vacation trip.

— Mrs. William Edwards is visiting her son, George Maxwell, in Boston,

—Dr. and Mrs. H. D. West leave town next week for a short vacation.

—Homer Gregoire has taken a position as clerk in George L. Winter's store.

—Jacob Edwards spent last Sunday in town, the guest of C. D. Paige.

—Miss Grace Monroe is the guest of her relatives, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Bond.

—Leon Young is visiting the encampment of the First Brigade at Framingham.

—C. S. Edmonds and sons, Howard and Stuart, visit the Framingham camp ground today.

—James Paton has accepted a position in the Phoenix print works in New York City.

—Miss Lena Hyde of Stafford, Ct., is the guest of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson.

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Stone of Millbury were the guests of relatives in town, Wednesday.

—A. A. Buckland of Springfield, visited his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Litchfield, this week.

—Rev. Silvanus Hayward exchanged with Rev. John P. Trowbridge of Woodstock, last Sunday.

—Misses Delia and Maggie Kelley of Warren and Fiskdale, respectively, are visiting friends in town.

—J. Fred Fiske had a finger broken and otherwise badly bruised by the falling of a plank, a few days since.

—N. E. Putney is the guest of his brother-in-law, Col. Greene of the Sixth regiment, at Framingham camp ground.

—James Taylor, jr. is in town for a three weeks stay previous to his assuming the duties as general secretary of the Milford Y. M. C. A.

—Mrs. H. N. Carpenter left town yesterday morning for Boston, from whence she sailed at 12.30 p. m. for Europe, in the Cunard steamship, Cephalonia.

—Master Frank Chipman entertained a company of about thirty of his schoolmates and friends last week Monday, it being his tenth birthday.

—George H. Hartwell, accompanied by his mother and sister, are the guests of their relative, Col. Henry G. Greene of the Sixth regiment, at the Framingham encampment.

—Selectman G. L. Clemence is building a dairy and milk house which will be supplied with all the desired requisites of a modern dairy. He has planted six acres with ensilage corn this season.

—Mrs. C. M. Newell arrived from Chicago last Wednesday, and as a consequence Mr. Newell is happy. And, as if this were not enough, the Gray Eagle, in which he owns a heavy interest, is looking simply immense.—*Kingston, New Mexico, Shaft.*

Lawn Party.

The U. S. club will give a lawn party at the residence of Sylvester Dresser next Tuesday evening from 7 till 10:30 p. m. The Southbridge Brass Band will be in attendance throughout the evening. All are invited; see posters for particulars.

Testimonial Concert.

The testimonial concert given by Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, in the Union church last Friday evening was well attended and gave universal satisfaction. The programme as published was carried out and every part was given in a manner that elicited the warmest praise of the audience. The solo by Mrs. Carpenter was received with well merited applause, during which she was presented with a boquet of choice flowers.

Contract Awarded.

The American Optical Company have awarded the contract for the building of their proposed new dam at Lensdale to Wellington & Kimball. It is expected that they will commence work next week.

Out Door Band Concerts.

The selectmen have contracted with the Southbridge Brass Band for outdoor concerts and have decided upon Friday evenings as being the most desirable time for all interested. The first concert in the series will be given June 17, at 8 p. m., from the Town Hall lawn, and the second June 24, at the corner of Main and High streets, Globe Village. The programme will follow in our next week's issue.

A Handsome Record.

Undoubtedly one of the best, if not the very best cow ever owned in Southbridge is the one at present owned by Luther D. Clemence. A few months ago her milk record for the previous year was published. Following is her yield for the month ending May 26—four weeks and two days: First week 134.2 quarts, average per day 19.18 quarts; second week 150.8 quarts, average per day 21:54 quarts; third week 154 quarts, average per day 22 quarts; fourth week 196.94 quarts, average per day 28.13 quarts. May 24 the yield was 29.35 quarts, and on the day following, 29.21 quarts. For the seven days ending May 26 she gave an average of 29.29 quarts per day. May 21 and 22 she gave 29.68 quarts each day, which is also the largest amount given on any one day. She was turned out to pasture May 15, and her feed besides her pasturage consisted of one and one-half quarts of meal and three quarts of shorts per day. She is milked three times a day and the quantity weighed as well as measured at each milking, so that there is absolutely no guess work about her yield. When it is considered that eighteen quarts a day is an unusually large flow of milk for a cow, under any circumstances, the amount given by the cow owned by Mr. Clemence is remarkable.

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A Horse Railroad for Southbridge.

A number of business men have this week been talking up the project of building a horse railroad between Lensdale or Sandersdale and Globe Village, and have even gone so far as to obtain estimates as to the probable cast of construction and equipment. From a letter written by Edmund Little, treasurer of the Laconia and Lake Village (N. H.) horse railroad, and addressed to J. A. White, we take the following figures, which show the cost of building a road two and one-fourth miles in length, three feet guage, 25 pound T rails: cost of construction, $10,450; cost of equipment, $8,950. The New Hampshire road has twenty horses and five cars, and employs a manager and four men. It pays six per cent dividends, and earned nearly ten per cent last year before charging off for wear and tear.

Chimes of Normandy.

The delightful opera "Chimes of Normandy," will be presented at Dresser Opera House this evening by a strong amateur company from Webster. The cast is an excellent one and a fine performance will undoubtedly be given.

Surprised.

A large number of the friends of M. J. Suprenant paid him a surprise visit last evening at his residence on Central street. Mr. Suprenant was taken entirely by surprise, and that fact added all the more jest to the evening's pleasures. Before the guests departed they presented Mr. Suprenant with a richly chased standard silver water pitcher, salver and goblet.

Strawberry Festival.

The strawberry festival given by the Ladies Circle of the Methodist church last evening, in the church vestry was, considering the unpropitious weather, well patronized. Everything that tends to make pleasant one's visit on such an occasion was done. The affair was conducted with as much system and promptitude of service as a well ordered restaurant. The shortcake was of the best, the strawberries and cream faultless; and the ices and cake excellent.

The Local Wool Clip.

Sheep-husbandry is generally accounted an inconsiderable factor in this section of New England. It is only here and there that one sees a farm on which are kept even the requisite number of sheep to constitute a flock. Yet it is pleasant to know that the farmers of New England are turning their attention to a revival of this branch of farm economy. This increased attention to sheep raising in this section is shown by the large amount of wool which the Hamilton Woolen Company purchased from the farmers last year and the still larger amount which they have purchased this year over the corresponding time last year. The total number of pounds of wool bought by the company last year was 33,393 pounds, for which they paid $7416,46. The '87 clip began to be brought in about two months ago and the amount received at the wool room up to date is 20,839 pounds, for which the farmers have received the fine little sum of $5,653. As this is a busy season of the year with farmers, and will so continue until after haying, many of them will not bring in their wool until later. Thus the '87 clip bids fair to considerably exceed that of '86. The company are paying three cents a pound more for wool than they did last year. The wool is brought here by parties from all of the surrounding towns and as far away as Litchfield county, Conn., Amherst, Belchertown and other points in Hampshire county, Willington, Willimantic and towns in that section of Connecticut, while 2000 pounds have come from Athol in this county.

Public Library.

Among the recent gifts to the library is the catalogue of the Nevins Memorial Library, Methuen, from the Nevins family. Of this catalogue and library, we copy the following from a Providence paper:

This library was founded as a memorial of the late David Nevins, of Boston. The building, constructed from plans by S. J. F. Thayer, the architect, is a spacious and exceptionally beautiful one. The collection of books with which the library opens is about 10,000. These, however, have been rendered accessible to the readers through a catalogue which, as the *Nation* has truly remarked, "can hardly have an equal in its degree." It comprises more than 1000 pages, of imperial octavo size, the volumes being catalogued not only under author, title and subject, but analytically, so that the minutest contents of the book are rendered fully accessible. It is only another illustration of the private munificence which in so many places is now expending itself on the founding and equipment of public libraries.

The library has received from Edward H. Ammidown of New York the following:

14 vols. of the Illustrated London News, dating from 1842 to 1856. These works have an especial value, as they embrace the period of the Crimean war.

65 vols. of miscellaneous works.
19 " (unbound) miscellaneous works.
13 " (unbound) Revue des Deux Mondes.
215 numbers of Littell's Living Age.
97 " " Punch.
21 " " Nineteenth Century.
21 " " Contemporary Review.
18 " " Fortnightly Review.
14 " " Century Magazine.
6 " " Harper's Magazine.
1 " " Popular Science Monthly.
3 " " North American Review.
9 " " Miscellaneous pamphlets.
10 " " British Expedition to the Crimea

The attention of persons having odd numbers of magazines and reviews is again called to the fact that the library will be glad to receive them. From those presented from time to time, it is often possible to make up a volume which will be used to replace worn out volumes. The Century, Harper's, Scribner s, St. Nicholas and Littell's are especially valuable.

As Seen From Putnam.

(*Putnam Patriot.*)

Southbridge maintains a high reputation for enterprise. The generous spirit its citizens have just manifested in voting $3,850 for electric lights, and also making an appropriation to get expert testimony relative to a general system of sewerage, is commendable, and will do a great deal to bring into notice that beautiful town.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

—Miss Mary Remingtou leaves town Saturday for Worcester, from which city she will start, Monday evening, for Hastings, Neb. where she will spend her summer vacation with friends.

—The local assembly of the K. of L. have completed arrangement for the holding of their picnic in Oakes grove on the Fourth of July. Large delegations are expected to be present from several of the adjoining towns.

—Among the graduates at the commencement exercises of Dean Academy last week was Miss E. Frances Dresser of Southbridge. Miss Dresser was awarded a high rank in music, she being a graduate in both the vocal and instrumental departments of that study.

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The Street Railroad.

We present this week additional estimates of the cost of constructing the proposed horse railway. Considerable interest has been awakened in the project and it now looks as if the road would be built. It has been suggested that the use of electricity for running the cars is worthy the attention of all interested. It is being successfully used in some places and is claimed to be cheaper than horse power. As we are to have an electric plant at hand it might be wise to look into the matter. Electricity will not only run the cars, but they can be lighted by the same means. A recent article in the Worcester *Gazette* contains the following in regard to the electric railways in various parts of the country:

None of the electric railways in this country date back earlier than 1885, and that at Montgomery, Ala., built in that year, is much the longest. It is eleven miles long, has eighteen cars, and is built upon the overhead wire system. Richmond, Va., however, has a road under contract of equal length, which will employ forty cars. Both the overhead wire and third rail are used upon the Baltimore road, which is two miles long, employs five cars, each motor running seventy-three miles a day and last year carried 260,000 passengers. Other roads in operation are Los Angeles, Cal., three miles, eight cars, overhead wire; Port Huron, Mich., four miles, eight cars, overhead wire, 75,000 passengers yearly; Windsor, Conn., two miles, two cars, overhead wire, 200,000 passengers yearly; Highland Park, Detroit, three and a half miles, two cars, third rail, 200,000 passengers; Dix Railroad, Detroit, one and three fourths, four overhead wires, 300,000 passengers; Appleton, Wis., four miles and a half, eight cars, overhead wire, 400,000 passengers; Scranton, Pa., three and a fourth miles, three miles, overhead wire, 300,000 passengers; Binghamton, N. Y., four and a half miles, five cars, just finished. Most of these generate their own power by means of steam engines, buy power from electric light companies or elsewhere, while Appleton utilizes the immense water power of the town. Roads are now under contract or in course of construction at Woonsocket, R. I., Richmond, Va., Pittsburg, Pa., (three roads), Lima, O., San Diego, Cal., Ansonia, Conn., St. Joseph, Mo., Mansfield, O., Ithaca, N. Y., and Harrisburg, Pa.; while an electrician estimates that by the first of January next there will be no less than 50 electric railways in this country, in operation or under construction.

—J. B. Sawyer, city engineer, of Manchester, N. H., has been in town the past week giving expert testimony before the board of health regarding a system of sewerage. Mr. Sawyer, many of our older residents will remember is the husband of Rachel Campbell, sister of W. C. Campbell of Southbridge. He was the engineer in charge of the making of the plans for the Hamilton Woolen Company's new mill.

—The Cut Worm club of Southbridge enjoyed their first annual dinner at R. E. Sabin's place at Walker pond, yesterday. A glorious dinner consisting of spring lamb, spring chicken, green peas, etc., waa served. The following members of the club sat down to the tables: A. J. Bartholrmew, John Tatterson, J. O. McKinstry, S. T. Cutting, Dr. T. L. Paton, S. K. Edwards, W. E. Alden, Dr. W. D. Lamb, A. H. Wheeler, G. A. Dresser, Anprew Hall.

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SOUTHBRIDGE.

'Man wants but little here below,"
The ancient proverb sets it.
We do not know if that be so.
But generally he gets it.

—Town meeting tomorrow at 2 p. m.

—Band concert in front of Town Hall this evening.

—Cord wood of every description is extremely difficult to obtain.

—A. Deslauriers is re-slating the roof on Mrs. John Edwards barn.

—Quite a large number of our towns people visited the First Brigade camp.

—August Hefner is having his tenement houses on Plimpton street repainted by M. Egan.

—The Jacob Edwards drinking fountain is being repainted and gilded by P. M. Clarke.

—Rev. Dr. Mason of the Home Missionary society preached at the Baptist church last Sunday.

—The Baptist choir went to Webster last evening to assist at a concert given at the M. E. church.

—Rev. Gorham Easterbrook attended the commencement exercises at Brown University last week.

—A. F. Bemis appears on the street with a newly painted meat cart, from the rooms of H. A. Walbridge.

—Twenty-four street signs with the name of the street in gilt letters on a black background have been put up this week.

—The New York morning papers are now brought here on the noon train instead of the evening train as heretofore.

—The ladies of the Universalist society will hold a strawberry festival in the church vestry next Friday evening.

—There will be preaching in the Pratt district school house next Sunday at 5 o'clock p. m. by Rev. Mr. Brown of East Woodstock.

—With the tree cutting affair, the suicide and attempted murder, and the alarm of fire, Wednesday was a day of genuine sensations.

—The stopping of the mills Saturday afternoons affords those employed in them a fine chance to witness the ball games which many of them take.

—George A. Dresser, with a large force of men, is putting in the brick drain on Hook street pursuant to a vote of the town at the last annual meeting.

—Next Sunday will be observed as children's day at the Baptist church. There will be an appropriate sermon in the morning and a service for children at 6 p. m.

—Hiram P. Morse while splitting wood at his home Wednesday morning, cut the thumb on his left hand so badly that its amputation at the first joint was necessary. Dr. Allen performed the operation.

—The ladies of the Baptist society have a strawberry festival this evening. Everything that goes to make the ideal June supper will be served. The proceeds of the entertainment are to be given to a recently organized society in a neighboring town.

—H. E. Wells of Southbridge, who for the past year has been employed as assistant teacher in Bryant & Stratton's commercial school, Boston, has been promoted to the department for examinations and for the coming year will have full charge of the same.

—C. A. Paige's house on Hamilton street, just vacated by W. H. Sanders, has received a thorough interior renovation and a new exterior coat of paint in colors. It is now one of the most attractive looking houses on the street. The painting was done by P. M. Clarke. The house has been leased to M. J. Tully.

—Charles A. Allen, city engineer of Worcester, arrived in town yesterday and spent the day with the committee on sewerage, who with him viewed the various localities about town with a view of recommending a system of sewerage. The committee on sewerage are hard at work and expect to be able to report at the town meeting tomorrow.

—Col. George H. Campbell, Gov. Ames private secretary, arrived in Southbridge Saturday evening and staid until Monday morning. While here he was the guest of his friend, C. D. Paige. Col. Campbell expressed great surprise at finding Southbridge the live, enterprising and attractive town it is. The colonel is a plain, unpretentious man and to see him one would scarcely imagine him the shrewd, capable man he is.

—The opera "Chimes of Normandy" given by a company of Webster amateurs in Dresser Opera house last Friday evening received the support of a large audience of our music loving people. Although the acting was not the best, the opera taken as a whole gave satisfaction. Mr. Lumb as "Jean Grenicheux" and Misses Munson and Holt as "Serpolette" and "Germaine," respectively, were especially fine and were accorded hearty applause as they appeared in their several parts. The company came from Webster on the 6:25 train and returned on a special train after the performance.

PISTOL PRACTICE.

Joseph Duquette Shoots his wife and then takes his own Life.

About 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, Joseph Duquette, who with his wife and adopted daughter, a little girl about three years old, occupied the tenement in the basement of the first house on Main street, below the railroad bridge, shot and seriously wounded his wife and then took his own life by firing two shots into his body, one of which is supposed to have passed through his heart. The motive which led to the commitment of the horrible deed was an unwarranted jealousy on the part of Duquette. He had the reputation of being a dissolute character, a hard drinker and extremely cruel. His principal occupation was loafing around the saloons. When not thus engaged he worked at wall laying and digging cellars. He was 37 years old. Neighbors and acquaintances all speak of Mrs. Duquette as an honest, industrious woman, and one could see by the tidiness of her little tenement, which consisted only of kitchen and bedroom, that so far as it was in her power she was a good housekeeper. Duquette, a short time since in conversation with a neighbor, said that he was either going to leave his wife or kill her and himself. This man advised him, if he contemplated doing either, to leave the town. Duquette went to Boston and went cod fishing for a few days. After the close of his fishing trip he returned to Southbridge, since which time he had been drinking more than ever. He was intoxicated the night preceding the shooting and scolded his wife repeatedly through the night. Wednesday morning at half-past eight, while Mrs. Duquette was sitting at her sewing machine, Duquette, approaching her from the left, said "Seraphine I'm going to kill you" and at the instant fired a shot from a thirty-two calibre five chambered revolver. The shot took effect in her left cheek and probably passed out of her mouth as there is no evidence of its going elsewhere. Mrs. Duquette arose from her chair, and, screaming, walked a few steps and fell upon her face, and while lying here it is supposed Duquette fired the second shot which penetrated her back near the left shoulder, and passing obliquely across, came out on the right side of her neck.

The cries uttered by the woman, after receiving her first wound, were heard by Felix Quevillion, who lives in the house next adjoining that of the Duquettes. Mr. Quevillion was, at the time, dressing himself preparatory to taking a trip to Putnam. He at once surmised what the trouble was, and ran immediately to the door of the Duquette tenement. Here he met Mrs. Duquette who, after receiving the second shot had arisen. She told Mr. Quevillion that she was shot. After Mrs. Duquette left her house she sat down on the threshold of the woodshed, a few feet distant from the house. Mr. Quevillion ran around the house to near the street and shouted "murder" in the hope of attracting the attention of people that might be passing by. He soon heard two shots fired and returning, entered the house where he found Duquette lying upon the kitchen floor, between the stove and a lounge gasping for breath. He lay upon his back, his right arm by his side in a natural manner, but the left arm was drawn up to the neck, the hand partially closed as if trying to clutch his coat collar. His features were distorted but a little. He never spoke after being found and gasped his last breath in about ten minutes after firing the fatal shots. The shots which entered the suicide's body were on a line and a little below the left nipple, and one of them, Medical Examiner Bulfinch thinks, passed through his heart. Duquette, in shooting himself, evidently placed the muzzle of the revolver close to his vest, as the cloth was blackened with powder, and on his body but a small clot of blood showed the place of the wounds. Immediately after the general alarm had been given, L. D. Clemence notified Medical Examiner Bulfinch and Dr. Letourneau. The medical examiner did not consider it necessary to make an official examination of the body. There was found in his coat pocket a pint bottle partially filled with alcohol. The funeral of the dead man took place from his late home yesterday morning, Rev. Frank Magwire officiating. He was buried by the town and in Oak Ridge cemetery. Mrs. Duquette is doing as well as could be expected, and will probably recover.

Tree Cutting.

Considerable excitement was occasioned Wednesday by an attempt to cut down an elm tree that stood in front of the new bank building and directly in line of the new curbing of the sidewalk. Henry Bailey, who sleeps in the bank building, was directed by Mr. Chapin to cut down the tree before leaving for his work Wednesday morning. This he proceeded to do at 3 a. m. Selectman Morse was informed of what he was doing and arriving on the scene of operations ordered the further cutting of the tree stopped, which order was obeyed. The tree had been cut half way through. Since then it has been dug up, root and branch, and the curbing of the walk laid. Mr. Chapin claims that the tree belonged to the bank and states that Mr. Bailey selected the above hour to cut the tree to suit his own convenience.

Officers Elected.

Division 12, A. O. H. of Southbridge; at their last meeting, re-elected their former board of officers as follows: President, W. O'Halloran; vice-president, John Splaine; recording secretary, J. J. Shields; financial secretary, Thomas Cronan; treasurer, M. D. Morrill.

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Personal.

—Fred L. Geer is visiting in New York city.

—E. M. Phillips has returned from his visit to New York.

—S. F. Tower, a former High school teacher, is in town.

—Mrs. J. C. F. Wheelock is visiting relatives in Mendon.

—Mr,. Gayton Ballard of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting relatives in town.

—James Delehanty is the new clerk in G. H. Hartwell's drug store.

—Mrs. M. A. Pratt of Boston is the guest of Daniel L. Pratt.

—Mrs. W. S. Babcock of Worcester is the guest of relatives in town.

—Miss Minnie West left town yesterday for her future home ih Lenora, Kansas.

—Alexander Paige of Lenora, Kansas, a former merchant of Southbridge, recently lost his property by fire.

—Willis Morse has greatly improved the appearance of his buildings by having them repainted.

—Raymond B. Vinton, formerly of the JOURNAL composing room force, is now the foreman of the *Harvard Crimson* office.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carter and children of Millbury, were the guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dresser, this week.

—Lyman Coit, designer in W. H. Page's wood type establishment, Norwich, Ct., was the guest of his friend, H. C. Colburn, this week.

—Miss Helen Luther, as the guest of Miss Louise Danielson, will attend the commencment exercises of Wellesley college next week.

—H. A. Hargraves, who has been connected with the JOURNAL office for about three years, has given up his position to take effect July 1.

—Rev. Silvanus Hayward's sermon at the Union church last Sunday morning was suggested by the "Beauty of God's works at this season of the year."

—Levi Lovely recently of the local nine, but now with the Salems is called by the *Boston Globe* the best base runner in the New England League, he having stolen 33 bases in 22 games.

—Gen. Nelson A. Davis, U. S. A., retired, formerly inspector general of the regular army and a graduate of West Point, class of '46, has been the guest of his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. George K. Dresser, during the present week.

—Miss Mabel Chapin left town Monday for a stay with relatives in Brooklyn, N. Y., until the sixth of July, when with her friends, she sails in the steamer Adriatic of the White Star line, for a summer vacation in Europe.

—Mr. and Mrs Frank C. Litchfield left Southbridge last evening for New York, from whence they will sail tomorrow morning on the North German Lloyd steamship Fulda, for Europe. The proposed trip is one Mr. Litchfield has had in contemplation but a short time and is one wholly of pleasure. Their many friends wish them a pleasant vacation trip.

U. S. Club Lawn Party.

The lawn party and promenade concert given by the U. S. Club on the spacious grounds of Sylvester Dresser on Summer street, Tuesday evening, was the best arranged affair of the kind ever given in Southbridge. Skirting the sides of the lawn was a line of 300 Chinese lanterns which, with a blazing ball of oil-soaked material, lighted the grounds finely. Booths, tents and tables were placed in convenient portions of the lawn. "Rebecca at the Well," impersonated by Miss Carrie Cheney, and a fortune teller's tent were attractions which drew the attention and money of those present. The Southbridge Brass Band throughout the evening furnished the best of music which aided much in making the evening's entertainment a success. The festival was so judiciously managed from its inception to its close, that had the evening been more propitious an exceedingly large audience, undoubtedly would have been in attendance. As it is the club will add a good sum to the church treasury. The management of the party reflects great credit on its president, J. F. B. Litchfield, who was ably seconded in his efforts to make it a success by all of the members of the club.

More About the Horse Railroad.

By the courtesy of A. B. Goodier we are enabled to present this week additional estimates on the cost of building the proposed horse railroad. A letter at hand from D. F. Longstreet, general manager of the Union Railroad Company, Providence, estimates the cost of construction per mile as follows: Materials, $5250; labor, $1000; paving, $1000; total, $7250. This estimate was made for city streets, while in Southbridge the figures might be slightly smaller, Mr. Longstreet believes it to be economy to pave the track, and puts his estimate for that part of the work at $1000 per mile.

A one horse box car seating sixteen persons would cost, judging from estimates given, from $600 to $750. Brill & Co. of Philadelphia quote price at $750. Open cars seating forty persons can be bought for $600 each and perhaps less, while those suating twenty persons can be purchased for $500.

As near as can be judged, the distance which it is proposed to cover is a little less than two miles. Using Mr. Longstreet's estimate of $7250 per mile this would make the cost of construction in the neighborhood of $14000. It is possible that these figures can be considerably reduced. The expense of stables, horses etc. might amount to $3000 or $3500 additional.

Charles B. Pratt, president of the Worcester horse railroad company and H. S. Seeley, treasurer of the same road, were in town yesterday upon invitation of several Southbridge gentlemen interested, and in company with a number of gentlemen drove over the proposed route. Mr. Pratt expressed himself as greatly pleased with the appearance of the road bed. He thought it remarkably free from steep grades and particularly adapted for track laying. If the road is built the starting point will probably be at Globe Village near the junction of Main and West streets. Mr. Pratt and Mr. Seeley are to prepare estimates of the probable cost of construction. It is possible that the Worcester company may take an interest in the new road, if built.

Selectmen's Doings.

The selectmen have made the following appointments: Measurers of wood and bark; C. W. Weld, W. P. Plimpton, W. D. Morse, P. N. LeClair, Danforth Douty, John Ryan, H. B. Dresser, J. E. Clemence V. W. Lamoureaux, E. C. Ellis, Thomas, Ryan, P. H. Kelley.

To do police duty on the public streets evenings and Sundays: Michael Egan for the Centre Village and Michael Breen for Globe Village.

A Handsome Music Room.

In C. D. Monroe's new residence on Chapin street is a room which he intends shall be used exclusively as a music room. It is a south-west room on the first floor and can be entered from the library, reception room and dining room. Large single doors open into the music room from the library and reception room and a double door affords entrance from the dining room. Thus, if occasion requires, the four rooms can be thrown into what is virtually one room. As one enters the room his attention is drawn—after the first glance at the room as a whole—to the novel and attractive parquette floor laid in various colored woods with the natural colors heightened by a process of oiling and polishing. The engravings and portraits which adorn the room are all of a musical character, and many of them are portraits of noted musicians. The first one to the left as one enters from the reception hall bears the title "Discord," the next is the "Heroes of the German Music" a group picture of the leaders of German music. The next picture noticed is "Harmony", and so true to nature is it that one fairly catches the spirit of the artist as he looks at the engraving. "Klosterbuddus Solo" represents the inmates of a monastery listening to a song by one of their brother monks, and judging from the smiling faces of his auditors, we infer that his song is a comic one. Hanging from either side of the above pictures are portraits of Mendelssohn and Haydn. Placed upon a marble slab, which also forms the rest for a mirror, are small medallion paintings of Mozart and Bethoven. The next and last picture in the room is entitled "Siesta im Kloster," and is another monastic scene, representing a group of monks playing upon divers instruments. All of the pictures are set in heavy plain oak or hammered brass frames.

The furniture in the room, with the single exception of one rocking chair, is made of rattan, and consists, besides rockers and common chairs, of a curiously modeled tete-a-tete and a sofa. The sofa cushion is covered with a rich plush of peacock blue. One rocker has a leather covering embossed with representations of musical instruments and characters. To the right of the piano is a music cabinet of cherry surmounted with a mantle and lintel with a beveled mirror. On the piano stands a metronome, an instrument for measuring time in music. Standing between the windows, on the Chapin street side of the room, is a mirror that reaches from near the floor to the ceiling. In the corner of the room is one of Rogers' groups, "The Balcony," which adds very materially to the general appearance of the apartment. A five light plain brass chandelier hangs in the center of the room. The globes on the jets are to have painted on them musical scenes and representations. The piano is one of the largest and finest Chickering grand squares. On the floor beneath the marble shelf, on which rests the mirror, is a monster music box. Everything about the room is in keeping with the purpose for which it is to be used, and the furnishings to the smallest detail are appropriate and in excellent taste.

Band Concert.

The Southbridge Brass Band will render the following programme from the Town Hall lawn this evening at 8 o'clock:

1. March—"Fookes" - - - - Apellrs
2. Waltz—"Myosotis" - - - - Lowthiar
3. Polka—"Merry Dew Drops" - Ascher
4. Overture—"Poet and Peasant" - Suppe
5. Larboard Watch, - - - - Williams
6. Solo—"Clover Leaf" - - - - Casey
   Mr. Green.
7. Spanish Medley - - - - Rollinson
8. Schottische—"Dear One Far Away" Rollinson
9. March—"Reeves" - - - - Apellrs

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Antiques and Horribles.

Quite a large number attended the meeting held at the Town Hall last evening, to perfect arrangements for an antique and horrible procession on the coming Fourth. A. E. Buell was chosen president, J. Macbeth secretary and L A. Stoodley treasurer. A committee to solicit subscriptions were appointed as follows: J. W. Robinson, G. H. Hartwell, B. W. Paton, W. E. Alden, jr. The meeting adjourned to Monday evening, June 27.

Picnic.

The members of St. Mary's parish will hold a picnic and clam bake July 4 in Faulkner's grove. A clam dinner will be served from 12 m. till 2 p. m. The amusements of the day will consist of music, dancing, swinging and other athletic sports, such as jumping, sack racing, sledge throwing, prize shooting, etc. Busses will run from the villages to the grove. It is intended to make this picnic one of the largest ever given in Southbridge.

St. Mary's T. A. S.

The Temperance aid society dedicated new rooms in Alden's block, last Friday evening by a supper and dance. The dancing took place in A. O. H. hall the members of the society kindly offering its use. The supper was saved in the hall used by the Quinebaug Social Club. Music for dancing was furnished by the Canal Street Orchestra, Joseph Suprenant leader and entire satisfaction is expressed for the music they gave. The supper was gotten up by Thomas Thimblin and is pronounced by those whose good fortune it was to partake of it, an excellent one. The society's rooms have been elaboratly fitted up the ceiling newly papered and the rooms repainted. The society's name is artistically painted on a ground glass panel of the entrance door. The floors are carpeted and the rooms supplied with chairs. A parlor organ has been placed in the main room, and the various officers had the use of a substantial desk. The society is in a very prosperous condition and doing much good work.

New Machinery.

The Hamilton Woolen company are putting into that apartment of the printworks, formerly known as the "can" room, two combing machines, seven gills, two 72-spindle spinning frames, one 28-spindle frame and two six-spindle frames. The above machinery with the exception of the gills is all new, and is from the Providence Machine Works. Forty-two of the new looms have been shipped from the Whitinsville shops and their arrival is expected today. The belts and pulleys were expected here yesterday. The motive power of the looms is to come from the shafting underneath in the spinning-room. Foreman Simpson is rushing the work right along, and barring accidents and delays the click of the busy shuttle will soon be heard.

We Want All the Improvements.

Worcester Spy.

Now that Southbridge is to have electric lights the people want horse cars.

Almost a Fire.

The railroad bridge over Main street caught fire, presumably from sparks from the locomotive of the 12.30 train, Wednesday. Alarms were sounded from the engine houses at about 12.45 p. m. The firemen made a quick response, and in a short time Steamer 1 and Hook and Ladder 1 were at the scene of the fire. But the fire was extingnished by a pail of water before their arrival.

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SATURDAY'S TOWN MEETING.

The Purchase of a Lot for the High School Building Settled at Last.—No Report on Sewerage.

The adjourned town meeting held last Saturday afternoon to hear the report of the committee appointed to investigate the subject of sewerage for the town, and also to hear what action the selectmen had taken in the purchasing, according to instructions from the town, of the lot at the corner of Marcy and Dresser streets for a High school building, was largely attended. An unusual proportion of the audience was composed of farmers, professional and business men. After the formal opening of the meeting, Dr. G. G. Bulfinch stated that the committee on sewerage had not completed their report. Dr. T. L. Paton moved that the meeting be dissolved.

C. A. Paige objected to the motion for the dissolution of the meeting, as there was other important business to come before it. He mentioned the purchase of a lot for a High school building, saying that a project for which the town has appropriated $20,000 is of sufficient consequence for us to ascertain how the case stands. "If the selectmen have agreed, we want to hear their report; if they have not we want to know why not," said Mr. Paige.

Selectman Wheeler stated that the selectmen had not disagreed.

Selectman Morse said that the board had no report to make, and if they had not disagreed he wished to know why there was no report.

The moderator put the question and it was decided by a large majority not to dissolve the meeting.

G. W. Wells moved that article 8 of the warrant be reconsidered. A. H. Wheeler moved an amendment to the motion of Mr. Wells that the selectmen be instructed to buy the lot corner of Marcy and Dresser street.

H. A. Morse moved another amendment that the selectmen be instructed to purchase the lot corner of Marcy and Main street.

Mr. Wheeler stated that a High school building was wanted at once but if the town proceeded to take the lot on the corner of Main and Marcy streets it would be eighteen months before building one could be commenced, as an injunction would be issued and a jury would have to settle the question of damages.

H. A. Morse said he did not see how Mr. Wheeler knew an injunction would be granted. Mr. Morse continuing advocated the buying of the Marcy lot.

Charles Haggerty said: I trust this motion to reconsider article 8 will prevail. I believe it would be for the public interest to build on the Marcy lot. What if we do have to take the lot according to law? Public interests are always greater than the individual's. The question is which is the best lot whereon to build, and not one of lawsuits and side issues. The Marcy lot is centrally located, and sidewalks, gas and water are already there, while on Marcy street extention all of these requisites would have to be supplied at a large cost.

Rev. Silvanus Hayward urged that all personalities be held in obeyance. He said that so far in this matter we had acted like a parcel of children. For his own part he was willing to accept any lot the meeting saw fit to agree upon.

G. W. Wells seconded the remarks of Mr. Hayward in regard to personalites. Continuing he said: "I trust that my personal feelings in this matter are subservient to my regards for the good of the town." Mr. Wells urged the choice of the Marcy lot and closed his remarks by reading a letter from A. W. Martin who advised the buying or taking of the Marcy lot.

Mr. Wheeler urged the buying of the Marcy street lot as being the most desirable place for a High school building. By doing so he thought all danger of a law suit would be avoided.

Sylvester Dresser spoke at considerable length in favor of buying the Marcy street extension lot. It would be better, he said, to buy a lot other than the Marcy lot, as such a lot could be had for a less sum than that.

Rev. Joseph Danielson also urged the buying of the lot on Marcy and Dresser streets.

Sylvanus Chamberlain spoke in opposition to the buying of the Marcy-Dresser street's lot, as the price was too high.

On motion of S. K. Edwards it was voted that the selectmen be instructed to purchase the lot on corner of Marcy and Dresser streets at a price not to exceed $2000. Two-hundred feet upon Marcy street and to the land of C. A. Dresser upon Dresser street. This motion was amended by J. D. Blanchard, and the amendment accepted by Mr. Edwards, to purchase the second lot upon Marcy street at a price not to exceed $3500, which was voted.

June Roses.

The rose season is now at its hight and many rich displays of this "queen of flowers" are to be seen in the gardens about town. The blooms are of better size than it was anticipated they would be, as the dry weather and the ravages of the red spider and thrip injured the foliage of the bushes to such an extent as to retard their growth.

Basket Picnic.

The High school scholars had a very successful basket picnic at Walker pond last Saturday. S. F. Tower, a former principal, attended as an invited guest. J. F. Parker & Son's busses carried the scholars to and from the grounds.

M. E. Church Notes.

Very interesting sevrices were held in the Methodist church last Sunday evening. Eight persons were baptized and fourteen were received into full membership. Rev. W. J. Pomfret gave an appropriate address.

Children's day will be observed next Sunday. There will be a concert in the evening. At 10.30 a. m. the pastor will preach; subject, "The young child and what it means." The new organ will be used at all the services.

Baptist Sunday School Concert.

An interesting concert was given by the Baptist Sunday school at the church last Sunday evening. Recitations were given by Bertha Cheney, Susie Phillips, Maud Goodier, Mamie Wells, Mary Paige, Nettie Cady, Eddie Marble and Miss Belle Oakes. A dialogue was given by Cheney Wells, Joseph Cook and Bertie Cheney. The choir sang several selections, and a duet 'Sabbath Eve" was finely rendered by Miss Searles and Mr. Cook. A trio by Mrs. Guy and Messrs. Cook and Hill was given with excellent effect. Miss Paine's primary class also took part in an exercise. The reading of the annual letter by Miss Edith Bartholomew and remarks by the pastor, closed the exercises.

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Real Estate Sales.

Two important real estate sales have taken place during the past week. The first was the purchase by C. D. Paige of the building on Central street, occupied by P. M. Clarke as a paint shop, and the barn, also on Central street, at present occupied by A. H. Shephard as a livery stable. Both pieces of property were purchased by Mr. Paige of Mrs. E. S. Hartwell. Later in the week Mr. Paige resolved the building occupied by Mr. Clarke to M. J. Suprenant. Mr. Suprenant will fit up his building for a meat market. It is Mr. Paige's intention to erect a brick block on the site of the barn now occupied by Mr. Shephard, but does not think he will commence on it till next season.

Y. W. C. T. U.

The monthly business meeting was held with Mrs. J. E. Clemence last Monday evening.

Those who wish copies of "Our Message" will please leave word with Miss Letcher at the post office. The mite barrels may be obtained at the above mentioned place. All members are requested to provide themselves with one.

Strawberry Festival.

The agreeable aroma of hot coffee wafted through the open windows of the vestry, pervaded the atmosphere in the vicinity of the Baptist church last Friday evening. Within, the ladies were holding a June festival. The bill of fare consisted of hot coffee, hot rolls, cold meats, lobster salad, cake of all descriptions—and the ladies of the Baptist church make a splendid article of that kind—and several flavors of ice cream. The receipts of the evening were donated to a sister society in a neighboring town.

Obituary.

Alexander Senecal, a well known and respected citizen of Southbridge, died at his late home on North street Saturday morning at 6 o'clock, of consumption. He had been sick for about seven months, being able only, on an occasional day to ride out. Last Thursday his sickness assumed a dangerous form and he rapidly failed until death ensued. Mr. Senecal for the past two years had been engaged in the grocery business on North street. He was 33 years old, and leaves a widow and two children. The funeral of the deceased took place from Notre Dame church Monday at 9 o'clock a. m. The St. John Baptiste Society, of which Mr. Senecal was a member, attended in a body and also the Circle Canadien. During the time of the funeral services the grocery and some of the dry goods stores in the center of the town were closed, as a mark of respect to the deceased.

Dedication and Installation.

Southbridge Lodge of Odd Fellowes will dedicate their new hall in the bank building on the evening of July 12, on which occasion the officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts will conduct the dedicatory exercises and install the recently elected officers for the ensuing six months. The dedicatory ceremonies will be public by ticket.

—Two and three-eighths inches of rain fell during the last storm. Of this amount one and one-quarter inches fell last night.

—P. H. Kelley returned last Saturday from his extended western trip. He speaks in high praise of the west and also of the beautiful scenery of Pennsylvania, a portion of which state he travelled through on his return home.

Concert at the Union Church.

The Sunday school concert at the Union church last Sunday evening was well attended and the exercises were of much interest. They consisted of scripture reading, prayer, by the pastor, recitations by Jacobina Taylor, Mabel Underwood, George Booth, exercises by nine little girls, recitatation by Lulu Underwood, Lily Hardin, Ida Varner, Willie Howland, Jessie Blaine, Isabelle Taylor; solo by Sadie Bugbee, recitation Alice Booth. The program included singing by the primary class. The concert closed by remarks and benediction by the pastor.

Organ Concert.

Notwithstanding the severe rain storm of last evening the organ concert at the Methodist church was well attended. The new organ, the central feature of the entertainment, is a model of beauty, taste and skill. It is enclosed in a beautiful black walnut case, 16 feet in hight, 8 feet in depth and 10 feet in front. The organ voluntary by Prof. E. L. Holbrook was excellent. Miss Minnie Marshall's reading was a pleasing feature of the concert. The solos by Mrs. W. E. Knox were exceptionally fine. The second piece on the program, "Deus Misereatur," was given by the choir, who in its recital acquited themselves in a manner creditable to themselves and their director, J. A. King. Prof. J. H. Doane's organ playing was well received. The power, tone and scope of the new instrument is all that could be desired and the society deserves congratulations on being the fortunate possessor of so good an instrument.

TEMPERANCE IN POLITICS.

Rev. Joseph Danielson discusses the subject before the Brookfield Association.

The Unwisdom of the Prohibition Party Policy. Concentration Better than Division and Playing into the Hands of The Enemy—The True Policy to Remain In the Republican Party and Work for Reform.

Rev. Joseph Danielson of Southbridge recently read before the Brookfield Congregational association the following paper upon "What is a Christian's Political Duty Concerning Intemperance?" The paper was listened to with great interest by those present and is published by request in the JOURNAL.

In grappling with the great liquor problem two lines of action are open to us; one moral and the other political. The question at the head of this article will confine our thoughts to the latter. It is assumed in this question, and rightly so, that temperance is largely a political issue, that it is in politics and cannot well be taken out for the reason that we have been obliged to legislate upon it in various ways. The history of the cause proves this. The fathers of temperance previous to 1832 started out with the simple idea of reforming men, but they soon found that rumsellers would destroy faster than they could save, and they were compelled to resort to legislation. The Washingtonions began with moral suasion only, but they came out of the contest in favor of legal suasion. The Father Mathew movement reached a certain point and stopped, when the author of it wrote to the secretary of another body: "I rejoice at the formation of your society in the suppression of this monster, gorged with human gore." We must, then, call in the aid of law to help us in doing away with the liquor traffic. But there can be no law without lawmakers and no lawmakers without previous political action, so that legislation upon the matter of temperance has necessarily brought it into politics.

Well, what form of legislation shall we favor? To the enactment of what kind of a law shall we lend our political support as temperance leaders? Some have said, let it be a license law. And they have said it so strongly and worked for it so vigorously that the license of the liquor traffic has become one of the legal enactments of many States. How came there to such a thing as a license law? License is the outcome, the logical result, of moderate drinking, as probhibition is the child of total abstinence. But we cannot, as Christians, favor the licensing of the liquor traffic, for it would be putting a premium upon that which we believe to be wrong. And being in principle wrong, license has, from the beginning, been a failure. It has proved in the course of the years, to help more than to hinder the saloon. While the advocates of license claim that its design is to regulate the business, in reality it means toleration—toleration with a consideration. It virtually says to every one engaged in the traffie, you pay a certain sum, and you will be tolerated in the business community as a rumseller proteted by law.

Now the license system proving to have been a failure, because in principle wrong, the demand of the best Christian sentiment of to-day is for prohibition, ultimately for constitutional prohibition, first in the state, then in the nation. The right of prohibition is involved in the natural right of self protection. Whatever destroys, or is even likely to destroy, ought itself either to be destroyed or prohibited.

The state recognizes this principle in respect to other things. Why not apply it to the liquor traffic? Why make this an exception? Is the prohibition of the saloon wrong? Is it an invasion of personal rights and liberties? No. The instinct of self protection has inscribed the prohibitory principle on the very constitution of human society. And when we look over the community and see what terrible things issue from the open dram shop, we have both the moral and legal right to demand of the officers of the law, "Shut that door!" Practically, then, our political duty as Christians, is to work toward this result—the absolute prohibition, except for mechanical and medicinal purposes, of the traffic in, and use of, intoxicating drinks.

But another question has come to the front of late as to the wisest method of working toward this end. Shall we act within the two great political parties, or ally ourselves with a third and independent party having prohibition as its distinct issue. Insiders or outsiders, which? To act inside of one of the two great parties is to act in the interest of the saloon, which today rules that party with a rod of iron. While thousands of democrats are at heart, hostile to the liquor traffic, they do not and dare not act out their convictions, inasmuch as the machinery, the resources and the votes

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of the powerful organization to which they belong are enlisted to defend and perpetuate this cancer of our modern civilization—the rum business. Now the leaders of this party do not hesitate to say that they are opposed to the enactment of all sumptuary laws. They are not hypocritical. They are the open enemies of prohibition. This they distinctively state in their platforms. And the democrats, as a party, can generally be relied upon to oppose any restrictive liquor legislation, however moderate. Thus in New York they voted solidly against the Crosby high license bill; and Gov. Hill, by his veto, has shown himself to be their natural leader. They have in the New Jersey Legislature recently succeeded, by amendments, in changing a high license to a low license measure. In our own Senate the bill prohibiting tenement house grog shops was met by the opposition of every democrat in that body. And so it is everywhere. Nothing, therefore, can be hoped for from this party, although the vain attempt has been made to prove that much of the temperance legislation in past years originated from that source; and we are pointed also to the remarkable progress in the temperance cause in the Southern states of late where democrats are the party in power, as if the reform were entirely due to them, when, as everyone knows, it is a citizens' movement, irrespective of party affiliations.

The other of the two great parties—the republican—though not formed for the purpose of making prohibition a distinct issue, has always had a strong prohibitory element in it, and to this element we owe all, or nearly all, of the stringent laws which have been passed within 25 years (or since the organization of the party) in favor of the prohibition of the rum traffic. Maine, Rhode Island, Kansas, Iowa and other Northern States have prohibitory laws for the reason that the Legislatures enacting them were in the republican majority. This we dare to affirm in face of the claim recently trumped up by St. John and others, that the democratic party has made an honorable record in this direction. But while the republican party, as distinguished from the democratic, has been the party of progress, during its history in the interest of temperance as in ether great national issues, there is a growing feeling among temperance workers that this much honored and historic party is not meeting the demands of advanced public sentiment to-day in this matter of prohibition. And candor compels us to admit there is occasion for criticism. For how often has this party disappointed the expectations of temperance people. It has within it a strong license element. Many of its leaders are either openly identified with the rum interest, or are ready to hold out sops to gain the patronage of the saloon. It is by no means essential in a candidate under this party that he shall be able to present a clean temperance record. What could be more noncommittal and vapid and meaningless than some of the temperance resolutions in the platforms of this so called party of progress? All sorts of twistings and turnings are made so as to appear to be marching in the line of temperance reform. Loud promises are given before election, but immediately forgotten after. The statement has been made (and judging from the temporizing policy of our own General Court, we may believe it to be true) that "within the last four years eleven republican state Legislatures have refused even to allow the people to vote on the question of saloons or no saloons." While therefore, nothing whatever can be hoped for from the democratic party, not much can be expected from the republican party as it seems at present to be drifting.

What then is our political duty as Christians? Shall we go outside, or try to work a reform within the party? There are plausible arguments for outside action as suggested by the course taken in other reforms in history. For instance, 300 years ago there was within the established Church of England an element protesting against certain requirements and usages of that church. What was to be done? The Protestants were divided among themselves. One part said: "We will stay within and try to make the church pure." Hence their name, "Puritans." But they did not succeed. The other part said: "We cannot stay within, we will go out. For conscience sake we will be "Separatists." They went out and we know the result—they became the Pilgrim Fathers of a new Commonwealth, the founders of this, our American republic. Inference: If we would establish the temperance cause upon the Plymouth Rock of a sure and permanent success, we must go outside of existing political parties, and make a party of our own. Is this good logic? Or is the analogue far fetched? Another matter of history, which the advocates of independent political action are continually bringing up, is the course taken by the abolitionists in the days of the anti-slavery contest. It is argued that as they went outside of the great parties and agitated and pushed the question of abolition until they brought it to a successful issue, so must we ally ourselves with a distinct, separate party with "prohibition" as the watchword on our banners. Is the argument a good one? Does the parallel hold? At first thought it seems quite plausible, but it has its weak points. To begin with, it is an unwarranted assumption that the abolition party secured the removal of slavery. That was only one among the many forces. It is still an open question whether that immortal book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was not a more powerful factor in the contest. And among the thoughtful and conservative, Helper's "Impending Crisis," with its cold array of facts, wielded a far greater influence than the harangues of the hottest blooded abolitionist. Then, too, it is a significant fact of history that the abolition party, as such, contained but very few of those whom we look back upon as the great leaders in the anti-slavery reform. True, Garrison and Phillips were in the party and Lovejoy and May and John Brown. But where were Sumner and Greeley and Wilson and Giddings and Lincoln, and Seward, the author of that forceful phrase, "the irrepressible conflict"? They were not identified with the abolition party. And why not? Because they believed they could work to better advantage within party lines. The following scrap of history contributed to the *Boston Journal* last year, by Rev. W. M. Thayer, is in point here:

> The old anti-slavery party started in 1842 to nominate and support their own candidates. In 1841 George Thompson of England came here and he told that organization in Tremont Temple that they never could advance on that basis; that it was contrary to the course pursued in England; that slavery would never have been abolished there if they had supported men of their own party only, but their policy was to support anti-slavery men wherever they could find them. His words resulted in a vote by the anti-slavery party in 1848 to disband, and they marched to the Melonaon hall in procession, where they joined free soilers and barn burners and organized on the platform—the non-extension of slavery. And from that time they adopted the method George Thompson proposed, and took anti-slavery men for candidates, whoever nominated them.

So that the argument drawn from the nti-slavery contest, rather than making, for, is decidedly against the policy of indefendent political action in the temperance reform. But the unwisdom of this policy is evident from several present considerations.

(1) It is divisive. It means disorganization and consequent defeat. That is considered good political sagacity which holds men together for any given end. Our enemies understand this. They are sagacious. They present a united front, while we are a divided, scattered force, This has always been one great weakness of the temperance crusade—the lack of union. And now this third party movement has come in as a disorganizing factor in politics, at which the enemies rejoice. And well they may, for it is much easier for them to stand against a scattered fire than a simultaneous volley all along the line.

(2) This policy practically exalts party above principle. The professed principle underlying the movement is the absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic in state and nation. But do the third party men cordially recognize this principle when another party has it in their platform? No, they pose as special champions of prohibition. In an address to the public, last fall, they said of the two great parties, "We cannot go to them; their temperance element must come to us." They also declared in their platform: "We propose to support our own candidates," leading us to infer that prohibition by the third party is all the prohibition they will recognize. That this is a fair inference, two instances of the spirit of intoleration may be cited in proof. The leaders of the third party in Missouri, not long ago, gave the sensible advice to its members to vote for legislative candidates who were in favor of the prohibition amendment, whether nominated by republicans or democrats. An editorial in the next issue of the Voice, denounced their action as "straight out treason to the national prohibition party," and concluded with the mild suggestion, "a reorganization is demanded in Missouri." A more familiar instance of the same spirit occurred in our own state last fall. It was proposed in convention to renominate for the Senate from the Norfolk district Elijah A. Morse, one of the most radical of prohibitionists, and some of the third party men favored the movement. But soon they were the recipients of a protest from the state prohibition committee informing them of the following vote:

That it is the sense of this committee that all conventions be requested to make straight nominations and vote only for prohibitionists of the third party. We have no deals or compromises to make with persons or parties, but propose to stand on our own platform and support our own candidates.

What is that but political partisanship and "bossism"? It means that the prohibition candidate must be of our party or none. It means that it is treason to vote for a temperance candidate, no matter how good a man he may be, who has been nominated by another party

(3) The strongest objection to the third party movement is that it plays every time into the hands of the enemy. This is inevitable. It cannot be otherwise. The third party know they cannot elect their own candidates. And in withdrawing support from the republican nominees and casting their votes for their own, they indirectly, but effectually, throw their political and moral influence in favor of the democracy. Illustrations of this occur on every hand. Take, for instance, the late Presidential election. The mugwumps claim to have held the balance of power in New York (the decisive battle ground between the two parties) thereby electing Cleveland. But may not the third party men present a superior claim? If only 1200 prohibitionists, who withdrew from the republican ranks had remained to vote for

Blaine, the latter, a foe to the saloon, would have been elected and Cleveland, a friend and patron of the saloon, would have been defeated. Another instance from the same state is in point. In 1885 the republican party in New York nominated pledged prohibitionists enough for the Assembly to have secured the submission of the constitutional amendment to the people. But in four or five districts the third party defeated the republican nominees, and thereby elected democrats, every one of whom voted against the amendment, so that it failed to pass. Who were responsible for its defeat, if not the third party?

Then take the recent democratic victory in Rhode Island. A year ago the prohibitory amendment was adopted by the people. The republican party, adjusting itself to the new order of things, stood committed to a fair trial of prohibition, and in its recent platform took unequivocal ground in favor of temperance, while the democrats evaded the issue; so that there would seem to have been no occasion for a prohibitory candidate for governor. And yet the third party persisted in having their own nominee, and to them is due, in large measure, the humiliating spectacle of a defeat at the hands of the rum democracy. One not piously inclined would call such a course "pure cussedness." It is, to say the least, inconsistent and suicidal.

But a third party man may reply: "We are not responsible for results. We are voting for a principle, and we have organized to carry this principle, if it takes a generation to do it." Well, if this were really true, if the simple, clear and manifest purpose of this independent party of reform, were to push the principle of prohibition to a successful issue, they would command our respect. But what has been the animus of this party within the last two years? Prohibition pure and simple? One of its foremost leaders in Maine publicly declared in the campaign last fall, "We aim to kill the republican party." The chairman of a prohibition committee in Kansas said in print: "I am confident we will defeat Gov. Martin. The bulk of our vote will be drawn from the republican party, and there will be enough more republican votes taken from Martin by the anti-prohibitionists to elect the democratic candidate." These are only specimen utterances, showing that the leaders of the third party, instead of holding themselves strictly to the principle of prohibition, have adopted as their motto, "The republican party must be killed," and to accomplish this they are willing to enter into unholy alliance with democrats, free traders and the proprietors of the saloon.

In the light of these various objections, our conclusion is that the policy of this independent prohibitory movement is a delusion, a snare, and a hindrance of the temperance reform. The question, then returns, What is a Christian's political duty concerning intemperance? Is it not evident that our duty is to try to work a reform from within the republican party, rather than run the risk of disaster by going outside? To work within is to work effectively, whereas to go without is to invite criticism, opposition and defeat. Working within party lines, we clasp hands with the majority of our best citizens, while to go outside is to ally ourselves, to a greater extent than we wish, with fanatics and extremists.

Nor does it necessarily follow that because we do not go outside, we may not belong to a third party. In every free state there are usually two political parties, one progressive, and the other conservative; one composed of men desiring change, and the other of men who cling to that which is. There is, however, in every free state, a third party, little heard of, without organization, which does not seek office, holds no meetings and carries no banners. This party is composed of men who think for themselves, who look on at the strife, little moved by partisan appeals, and on election day deposit their votes for the man or policy which, on the whole, appears to them likely to best further the interests of the State. This party is often the terror of professional politicians. It is the party which punishes inefficiency and corruption and scratches tickets when bad men are nominated. It is to this unorganized third party that it is our duty, as Christian temperance citizens, to belong. Here we may act as independents in politics. Though we may not be able always to control caucuses we can attend them and have an influential voice in them.

Though we may not always have the power to secure the nomination of temperance candidates, we can scratch the names of those on the ticket who do not represent our principles and substitute those who do, and so vote as we pray. It is not necessary to go outside and form a new party, in order to fight the liquor element in our own party, any more than it was necessary for Sumner or Wilson to go outside to fight the slavery sentiment in their party. We have the God given right to bolt corrupt nominations, or to scratch a bad candidate's name from the ticket. The saloonist sticks to his party, supports and elects, if possible, saloon candidates, but when, perchance, he sees a prohibitionist name on the ticket, he strikes it from the list, and in that way casts his ballot for the saloon and fights against temperance. So whenever we support republican prohibitionists and oppose republican saloonists, we vote for prohibition, and deal a blow at the saloon every time.

This is consistent, reasonable Christian politics. This is working a reform within that is vastly more effective than any attacks upon the enemy from without. This is a kind of third party that can be made to hold the balance of power, and on the whole, it appears to be the wisest and best way of carrying on the temperance cause as a political issue.

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SOUTHBRIDGE.

—Comstock's Main street block is being repainted.

—H. C. Pellett's building is being repainted in colors.

—Phelps' block has been repainted in colors, the past week.

—Band concert this evening, corner of Main and High streets.

—Notwithstanding the intense heat there is very little sickness about town.

—Globe Council of the Home Circle are making preparations for a picnic to take place in August.

—The Southbridge Wade Awakes will hold a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms this afternoon at 4 p. m.

—On account of the storm of last Friday morning only 29 Boston excurtion tickets were sold in this town.

—There will be a meeting in the school house in the Pratt neighborhood next Sunday at 5 p. m. Sunday school at 4 p. m.

—Monroe Reynolds has sold to Alvah Hyde a Lone star pump, which he has set in operation at his brick yard in Sturbridge.

—Dr. H. D. West has picked the past week a quantity of Madeleine pears. This is the earliest pear grown in this latitude.

—The sidewalk which the town voted to construct on the west side of Marcy street is being laid under the direction of George A. Dresser.

—Fishing for white perch in Podunk pond in the principal attraction for our local fishermen, and some big catches are reported.

—Last Monday, James M. Ryan swam across the big pond, from the big rock to a point opposite, sixteen times in succession, without a pause.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ellis have taken possession of their residence on South street, it is the house lately vacated by James Taylor.

—George C. Stone has just completed a large and sudstantial express wagon for J. F. Parker & Son. It was painted by P. M. Clarke in tasty colors and designs.

—Notwithstanding the dismal and threatening weather of last Friday evening, a good number of people attended the band concert on the town hall lawn.

—Eight of the members of the Southbridge Y. M. C. A. went to North Woodstock last Sunday evening and held a highly successful service in the church in that place.

—That part of the bank wall on Hamilton street between A. Farland's paint shop and Joseph Simpson's residence has been relaid during the past week, under the direction of G. A. Dresser.

—Mrs. Oldham is having her residence on Sayles street extensively repaired. The wood-shed which has heretofore faced to the south will now project to the west. The house is to be re-shingled and repainted.

—Julius Aishburg a well known traveling dry goods peddler died recently in Hartford, Ct. Years ago he visited Southbridge frequently but of late years has not been here very often, but confined his business to the towns north of Southbridge.

—Miller, Stowe and Freeman's circus, which exhibited in town last Saturday, was attended by a large audience at both the afternoon and evening performances. It was a good show, much better than many thought it would be.

—There will be no preaching service at the Congregational church for the succeeding four Sundays as the pastor is taking his vacation. The usual Wednesday and Sunday evening prayer meetings will be held.

—Rev. Freeman J. Tower D. D., a native of Southbridge, but now a leading Methodist preacher in Oregon, is visiting his former home in the East. Next Sunday morning he will occupy the pulpit in the Methodist church.

—Frank H. Bliss of Springfield has been engaged by N. T. Hurlbut as manager of the store recently purchased of J. A. White. Mr. Bliss accompanied by Mrs. Bliss has permanently located in town. We hope they will find their new home a pleasant one.

—Thomas Ryan of the firm of J. & L. Ryan has been selected as the deligate to represent Southbridge Court A. O. F. at the convention of the Subsidiary High Court, to be held in Chicago, beginning Aug. 9 and continuing one week.

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—James West who recently left Southbridge for Lenora, Kan. has had eight cases of goods destroyed by fire while in transit from Southbridge to Lenora. Many of the articles destroyed were of considerable value as he had a choice collection of books, pictures and bric-a-brac.

—The Central Mills Company have just completed an important change in moving their large force pumps from the wheel pit, above ground, and connecting them with the main shaft. They were put in operation for the first time Wednesday evening, with three gates of water at 80 pounds pressure, and gave entire satisfaction.

—Judge J. H. Carpenter of Madison, Wis., and a cousin of C. V. and P. H. Carpenter, visited them last Friday and Saturday. Judge Carpenter is a native of Ashford, Ct., and is a worthy example of that class of New Englanders who have done so much for the great north-west and which in turn has honored its founders and promoters.

—Sometime during last Saturday night some unknown person fell against the glass panel in one of the front doors of W. E. Alden and Co's store. Enough of the panel was broken to admit of a person's entering but the one that broke the door was either too drunk or too honest or both to do so, as nothing was touched in the building.

—The local military company has further perfected its organization by the appointment of the following non-commissioned officers: Sergeants; first, Fred Hill; second, Fred Newbury; third, Andrew Higgins; fourth, E. C. Meade; fifth, John Hall. Corporals; first, Reuben Herron; second, William Felton; third, N. E. Putney, Joseph Ouimette, jr.; surgeon, F. H. Olin, M. D.; quartermaster, R. J. Stoodley; musicians, C. F. Austin, U. A. Goodell, Peter Benway.

—Another excursion under the management of the Boston Cyclorama company took place Wednesday on which occasion 22 excursion tickets were sold in Southbridge. The total number of passengers on the train on its arrival in Boston was 62. If the cyclorama company managed its entire business in the peculiar way it does its excursions it would not be able to declare a monthly dividend of two per cent a great while.

Serious Accident to Dr. L. W. Curtis.

Tuesday afternoon at about 3 o'clock, Dr. L. W. Curtis went into his barn where his hired men were engaged, at the time, in throwing off a load of hay. The doctor wishing to see just where the hay was being put climbed a twelve foot ladder, opposite the top of which was a mow hole. This mow hole had got filled with hay, but the doctor imagined it laid in loose and put out his hand to push it away, but the hay was packed in solid, and the ladder stood so nearly perpendicular that his effort to push the hay away threw the ladder back and him off of it.

The ladder stood on a line with the tongue of the wagon, and the doctor realizing with great presence of mind his imminent danger of striking his back or neck on the cart tongue made an effort while descending to strike on his side and succeeded in doing so, and in all probability saved his life by so doing. He struck on his right side, sustaining a severe dislocation of the shoulder and collar bone, bruising his side and head, and dislocated the third finger of his right hand. Mr. Keeler his head farmer helped the doctor up and into the house. While the doctor was going from the barn to his residence he himself reduced the dislocation of the injured finger.

As soon as possible after the accident Dr. Paton was summoned, and he, perceiving that etherization would have to be resorted to called Dr. Creedon. The doctor being such a muscular man it was difficult to reduce the dislocations, but they succeeded admirably in their effort.

In the meantime Dr. Bulfinch had been summoned and on his arrival bandaged the doctor's wounds. Yesterday Dr. Curtas realized more than he had previously done the extent of the injuries to his side. The ribs are very much depressed and in consequence he suffers at times intensely from the depresion. He had a narrow escape from a fatal accident.

Band Concert.

Following is the program for the band concert at the corner of Main and High streets this evening:

1. March, "Winship" - - - Thomas
2. Waltz, "Best of all" - - - Ripley
3. Polonaise, "Mardigras" - - Chambers
4. Concert. waltz, "Glen Island" - Short
   solo by Mr. Green.
5. Selection, "Ernani" - - - Verdi
6. Polka, "Nellie" - - - - Marsh
   solo by Mr. Dresser.
7. Waltzes, "Mikado" - - - Boettger
8. Galop, "This or none" - - - Ross
9. March, "Sanger" - - - Apelles

Base Ball.

The Lyceums of Worcester play here tomorrow. Game called at 3.30 p. m.

Dresser Street Hill.

Work on the job of cutting down this hill was commenced last week and in spite of the intense heat quite a large excavation has been made. Thus far the dirt taken from the hill has been carted to and used as filling about the new houses in course of erection by C. D. Paige, on Elm street. Yesterday the steam drill, derrick, boiler etc., arrived. When these are put in position and drilling commenced the work will be pushed with the utmost rapidity. Dynamite it is expected will be used for blasting. The working of the steam drill will be a novelty here in Southbridge, as it will be the first one of the kind ever seen in operation in town we believe. The drilling and the operating of the derrick will be under the management of Frank Collins and Patrick O'Hern, both experts.

Southbridge Electric Company.

The remainder of the cedar poles arrived in town last Saturday. The boiler and smoke stack have also arrived. The company recently purchased of the Jarvis Engineering Company, Boston a fifty horse power Armington and Sims engine. The cedar poles are being set under the supervision of the company's electrician G. H. Wade. Thirty-five men are engaged in this work and they make quick work of digging a hole, driving spikes into a pole and placing it in its position. Although the poles are not a thing of beauty yet it looks like business to see them going up about the town. With the exception of the light which was at first intended to be placed at the foot of Elm street, but which it has been decided to put at the head of Foster street, there is no change in the original location of them. Work on the company's building is being pushed forward as fast as the weather will permit.

Obituary.

Robert Blaine who has been sick for the past four year with consumption died at his home on Water street Wednesday at 5.15 p. m., in the 27th year of his age. He was born and reared in Southbridge and previous to his being stricken with his fatal malady was employed in the finishing room of the Hamilton Woolen Company's print works. While in the company's employ he secured their confidence in the faithful discharge of his duties, and won the regard of his shopmates by his uprightness of character and the sincerity of his friendship. During his long continued sickness he always sought to aid himself and not to be a burden to others; realizing as he did for a long time past the inevitable result of his sickness he never uttered a word of complaint at his lot, but cheerfully accepted the decree of his Maker.

Hovering between life and death for so long a time as he has been it would not be strange had he grown irratable and peevish but it was not so, to the very end he manifested the same cheerful, upright self-reliant characteristics which were always prominent in him. His death was as easy and apparently as free from pain as though falling asleep. His death is the second which has occurred in Mr. and Mrs. James F. Blaine's family within the past eight months, and both deaths were of young men in the very flower of early manhood. This affliction which has fallen upon Mr. Blaine and his family is received with the deepest regret by their wide circle of acquaintances. The funeral of the deceased will take place at the residence of his parents on Water street at 1.30 o'clock to-day.

Y. W. C. T. U.

Contributed.

One of the attractions of the New England Assembly at Lake View, Framingham, is a tastefully decorated tent marked "Mass. W. C. T. U. Headquarters." Here Miss Tobey our state president, Miss Gordon state secretary, with Miss Clothier and Miss Bumstead of the Y's, receiving friends and strangers in large numbers. Over 120 persons register daily, a goodly amount of temperance literature has been sold and white ribbon was going by the piece. On entering the tent door you see the state banner of the Y's. The profusion of beautiful pansies, exquisitely painted on white silk would do credit to any artist. The effect is heightened by the gold trimming and lettering. Every visitor paused to admire and enjoy it. Two mottoes hung above the heads of the visitors; our state motto "For God, Home and Native Land" in evergreen letters, and the motto which the Boston Loyal Legion carried on their parade July 4th. "The Total Abstinence Pledge our Declaration of Independence." With such hostesses to receive them every member of the W. C. T. U. on the grounds felt at home at once, and were encouraged and strengthened by meeting other workers. Many ladies were interested in the work and will be ready to form unions in their own towns.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

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Will members please examine their membership ticket and see if it is time to renew.

One person in Norwich Conn. offers $20,000 toward the erection of a building for the association of that place.

The Amesbury Mass. Association has just started a building fund of $2.50. Great things result from small beginnings.

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SOUTHBRIDGE.

—Some of our farmers have commenced digging their early potatoes.

—The semi-annual meeting of the Central Mills Company was held Tuesday.

—The best satisfied man in town today is the farmer who has finished haying.

—G. W. Upham has been confined to his house by sickness the past week, but is at present able to be about.

—The first green corn of the season was offered for sale by M. M. Marble Wednesday morning at 25 cents a dozen ears.

—Dogs attacked W. L. McKinstry's flock of sheep Tuesday, but before they had inflicted any serious damage the dogs were driven off.

—Elmer F. Letcher, a graduate of the Southbridge High school and a member of the incoming junior class of Yale college, is at home for the summer.

—At the auction sale of the Plimpton street school house Tuesday, the building was bid in by the committee, and the sale postponed to next Tuesday evening, the 26, at 6.30.

—A convention of the Canadian societies in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, will be held in Dresser Opera House, Aug. 9–11. Extensive preparations are under way for making the convention a grand success.

—Joseph Kinsey of Cincinnati, O., while on his way to Southbridge, had a slight paralytic shock on the train near Oakland, Md. He is yet at that place, but is considerably improved.

—Alvah Hyde has fitted up the Talbot brick yard which he has owned for some time past, and has commenced the making of brick. He has hired a foreman from Hartford, Ct., who brought with him his own help.

—Cultivated black cap raspberries have been quite plentiful in our markets this week, retailing at 15 cents a quart. While they are somewhat larger than the native field berry, they are not to be compared with them for richness of flavor or juiciness.

—John E. Rockwood, a young man 16 years of age, was drowned in Coe's pond, Worcester, last week. He was a nephew of Joseph and Samuel Williams of Southbridge, who attended his funeral last Saturday. Miss Emma Williams was also present.

—Rev. Thomas Snell Smith's sermon on missionary work in India at the Union church last Sunday morning was one of deep interest and highly instructive. In the evening his native assistant Yusethasan addressed an attentive audience in the vestry of the church.

—Rev. S. Hayward is taking his vacation, and consequently there will be no preaching service at the Union church for the next four Sundays. The regular Wednesday and Sunday evening prayer meeting will be held, as will also the young people's meeting, on Sunday evening at 5:30.

—One of the finest carriages that we have seen lately was exhibited the other day on the street by E. B. Cummings, our local carriage dealer. It was entirely new in design and style and of superb finish. It was built expressly for Josiah Perry of Webster, to whom it has been delivered.

—Among the floral decorations at the Union church last Sunday was a mound of longiflorum lilies, over which was spread a veil of gyphsophila, with base of mound fringed with ferns. It was a design of exquisite beauty, and eminently appropriate.

—The popularity of the open air band concerts with the public was shown last Friday evening when a crowd that filled the sidewalk from J. S. Gleason's store to the Union church was in attendance. The music discoursed by the band gave great satisfaction to the crowd of listeners, and it goes without saying that we have the best band today that ever existed in Southbridge.

—The services commemorative of the first anniversary of the death of Rev. J. M. Kremmen at St. Mary's church last Friday morning, were attended by a large congregation. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Quan of Webster, celebrant; Rev. Father Scannel of Worcester, deacon; Rev. Father Boylan of Oxford, sub-deacon; Rev. Father Purcell of Webster, master of ceremonies. The grave of the deceased pastor was beautifully decorated with flowers by his late parishioners.

Sale of the Baptist Paraonage.

The Baptist parsonage on Hamilton street has been sold to Joseph D. Blanchard, who will make it his permanent residence. This house was purchased by the Central Baptist society just thirty years ago, and in it have resided the pastors of the church since that date. For this reason the members of the society will ever hold the spot in grateful and loving remembrance. Rev. S. S. Parker, pastor of the church for eleven years, was the first minister to make the house his home. The house was occupied successively by Rev. Dr. Bronson, Rev. J. Reis, Rev. A. G. Upham and Rev. G. Easterbrook, the present occupant.

Band Concert.

Following is the program for the band concert on the Town Hall lawn this evening:

1. March, "Winship" - - - Thomas
2. Waltz, "Best of all" - - - Ripley
3. Polonaise, "Mardigras" - - Chambers
4. Concert, waltz, "Glen Island" - Short
   solo by Mr. Green.
5. Selection, "Ernani" - - - Verdi
6. Polka, "Nellie" - - - - Marsh
   solo by Mr. Dresser.
7. Waltzes, "Mikado" - - - Boettger
8. Galop, "This or none" - - - Ross
9. March, "Sanger" - - - Apelles

Sunday's Thunder Shower.

A shower of unprecedented magnitude visited Southbridge last Sunday afternoon. In the short space of twenty minutes, one and seven-eighths inches of rain fell. Streets and sidewalks were inundated, gardens overflowed with mud and water and tons of hay and grain already made were drenched through and through. Hook street, on which the repairs were nearly completed and which the workmen left Saturday night looking as neat as a parlor, was furrowed to the railroad in several places, but the sidewalk curbing remained intact. At the height of the storm, Central street was a miniature river, it being overflowed from curbing to curbing, but the road bed being so hard but little damage to the street was done. Pleasant street, on which so much money has been expended and so little accomplished, was badly damaged. A huge volume of water rushed down its entire length into River street. Here the gutters, or rather the place for a gutter, is the highest point of the street, at least such has been the case this season, and the water not finding an outlet, cut a channel across the road, and the whole mass of water, mud and refuse poured into the house on the corner, making havoc with

Odd Fellows Hall.

Southbridge Lodge No. 47, I. O. O. F. was chartered Feb. 4, 1875. Since its institution it has had a steady and unbroken growth. Its membership is made up of a class of men who for character and intrinsic worth will compare favorably with any organized body of men in Southbridge. During the greater part of its existence it has occupied quarters in Edwards block. When the Southbridge Savings bank corporation decided to erect a new block, the society engaged the upper story for a lodge room. The form and style of the rooms are admirably arranged for society purposes. Access to the hall is had by a broad and easy stairway which is broken by a landing on the second floor and again in the alcove of the gable at the rear south side of the block. Ascending these stairs we first enter the ante rooms which are en suite, and thus, if occasion requires, can be used as one room. A kitchen leads off from the larger of these rooms. A Lowell ingrain carpet of pleasing colors and tasteful design covers the floors of the ante rooms. Entering the main hall the visitor is at once pleased with the general arrangement and appointments of the room. The colors of the decorations and furniture blend together harmoniously and give the room such an air of warmth and hospitality that one feels as comfortable as if in his own home. The committee having in charge the furnishing of the hall have showed a most commendable taste in selecting the various articles required. The carpet, which covers every inch of the floor, including the platforms of the canopies and recesses of the gables, is of the finest Lowell ingrain, color red with maroon ground. The figure is an open daisy, the whole making a superbly rich carpet. The canopy of the noble grand is at the north side of the hall and facing the entrance doors. It has scarlet trimmings, brown back ground, pulpit chairs upholstered in scarlet plush with black walnut pedestal. At the apex of the canopy is placed a gilded crown. The vice grand's canopy has blue damask trimmings with brown back ground, pulpit chairs upholstered in peacock blue, and is supplied with a black walnut pedestal. To the right of the noble grand and in the west center of the room is the seat of the past noble grand. The back ground consists of magenta drapery, pendant from the top of which is a banner in which is wrought the emblems of the order. Directly opposite the past grand is the chaplain's position. The bible rest on the pulpit is covered with seal brown plush, while the trimmings of the back ground are of purple. The whole is in consummate taste and gives an excellent effect. The rooms are finished in white wood with doors of white pine finished in its natural color. Two chandeliers are placed at convenient places in the hall. Two rooms built into the alcoves formed by the gables are used for keeping the paraphanalia of the society. The desks used by the treasurer and secretaries are made of black walnut and are models of convenience. The local lodge of Odd Fellows have reason to congratulate themselves on their new hall and on the prosperity which has enabled them to furnish it in so desirable a manner.

Strike of Workmen at Lensdale.

Ten of the workmen employed on the American Optical Company's new dam at Lansdale struck for an increase of wages Tuesday. They had been receiving $1.50 per day and wanted $1.75. Failing to come to a settlement with the contractors the men were paid off and discharged yesterday and a number of new hands have been hired in the place of the strikers.

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In the entire range of floriculture, there is no flower, not even the rose, that can be used on any and all occasions with such unquestioned appropriateness as the pond lily. At funerals and weddings, in church and home they are used alike, with the same good taste and effect. The people of this section are especially fortunate in having such an abundant supply as are produced in the neighboring ponds and which are gathered in large quantities and brought into town. The finest of these come from T. Harrington's knife shop pond, being remarkable for size and purity of flower. But the main supply of lilies comes from Walker and Pistol ponds. The different churches in town are decorated more or less with them on each succeeding Sunday. Last Sabbath at the Baptist church a vase of these were tastefully arranged by Mrs. George W. Wells. At the Methodist church several floral designs of them were arranged by Misses Lizzie E. and Dillie M. Chamberlain. At the Congregational church were two oval designs with bases of native ferns which further heightened the effect of the lilies. These pieces were arranged by Miss Mary Cummings.

This is the season of bloom for many perennials and biennials, and perhaps of both these classes the hollyhock is just now the most attractive. Properly speaking, this plant is a biennial, yet the single ones very often live year after year, but the double ones rarely survive after the second season. Of late years the hollyhock has been greatly improved and we now have them as full and perfect in form as the camellia, and colors ranging from pure white to black. Hollyhocks to show to the best advantage should be massed, as they prefer shady location and this is partially secured by grouping them. On the grounds of A. J. Bartholomew is a hedge row of these plants, now in flower, which for richness of display and general attractiveness excels anything in the floral line in Southbridge. Almost every color known to the hollyhock is found in this collection. Although these are single flowered, and for that reason may not be liked by some so well as the doubled flowered, yet we think, after cultivating both, that the single flowers are the best; especially in a mass that contains both the fringed and entire edges. If hollyhock seed is sown, not later than the second week in August, plants of sufficient size may be raised to bloom next season. On approach of hard freezing weather, cover the plants with some light litter or hemlock boughs as a portection through the winter.

Business Change.

N. T. Hurlbut of Webster has purchased the clothing and furnishing business of J. A. White and took possession yesterday morning. Mr. Hurlbert is in the same business in Webster and will run the Southbridge store in connection with that in Webster. Mr. Hurlbut comes here well recommended as an energetic, straightforward business man. This change on the part of Mr. White is received with sincere regret by the many friends and acquaintances he has made during his five years' residence in Southbridge. He is a man whom the town can ill afford to lose. While here he has established a reputation as an upright fellow-citizen, a good and desirable neighbor, and a business man of unimpeachable integrity. Mrs. White is the organist at the Congregationalist church, and like her husband, can ill be spared from her position in society. It is the intention of Mr. White to leave town at an early date. That he may find abundant success in his future business undertakings is the wish of his friends.

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—Rev. I. I. Leslie of Boston will preach in Pratt's neighborhood at 5 p. m. Sunday.

—Miss Lena Potter of Providence is visiting in town as the guest of Miss Callie E. Haskell.

—B. F. Merritt of the machine room of the American Optical Co., has been granted a patent on a time register for factories.

—J. C. F. Wheelock is agent in Southbridge for the sale of stock of the Massachusetts Real Estate Investment Co. Whose advertisement appears in another column.

—Charles Haggerty has leased one of the rooms fronting Main street on the second floor of the bank building which he will occupy as an office September 1.

—The Southbridge Electric company have been much belated in their operations by the non-arrival of the cedar poles. One car-load arrived this week and others will doubtless be here soon. On their arrival Mr. Wade, who has charge of the practical work of the company, will have them set at once, and all other work will be pushed with all possible despatch.

—The bill which Malcolm Ammidown post G. A. R., voted upon recently was the one proposed by the national committee on pensions of the organization, providing for the pensioning of all soldiers who served three months or more in the service of the United States during the late rebellion and received an honorable discharge therefrom, and who are now, or who may hereafter be suffering from mental or physical disability not the result of their own vicious habits, which totally incapacitates them for the performance of manual labor, shall receive a pension of twelve dollars a month.

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Among the really desirable perennials, but which for some unaccountable reason, are only occasionally seen in our gardens, are the hardy phloxes. Since the florists have directed their attention to this plant they have raised many seedlings that are marvels of skill, culture and beauty. A generation or more ago the only varieties of the perennial phlox cultivated to any extent where the white and the one with flowers of a bluish cast. Now we have a score of varieties in as many different colors and shades. The individual florets of these newer varieties are very large as compared with the older kinds and are borne on immense corymbs. The perennial phlox is perfectly hardy, standing the severest of our winters without the slightest protection. Like many other plants they thrive best and give the finest bloom if grown in a shady location. They increase very rapidly and for this reason the roots should be divided every other year. This rule will also hold good with many other herbacious shrubs. If any of our readers contemplate changing or adding to their list of flowers we advise them to try, at least a few varieties of this plant. They are not expensive as they are propagated very easily.

In a collection of plants, however small, an effort should be made to have a few lilies. If you have land enough you can, by planting the different varieties, have them in bloom at several different times during the summer. There has been introduced in the past few years several new kinds, but none of them excel for general purposes the older varieties. The Candidum or Easter lily is still a genuine favorite and doubtless will always continue to be.

It is hardy, pure white and fragrant. The bulbs of this lily should be planted as early in the season as they can be procured, to insure their bloom the next season. We have noticed in our walks about town several beds of these which were justly admired for their beauty and for the purity of their flowers. Another desirable lily is the longiflorum. This is one of the stateliest of the family. In form it is trumpet shaped and its color is the purest white. It is not so hardy as the Candidum but with a liberal protection will endure our winters. It is a sure and constant bloomer and remains in flower for a long time. A bed of these planted last fall by Samuel Williams have just passed out of bloom. While in flower they were of indescribable loveliness and attracted the attention of the most careless observer.

Rate of Taxation. 1887.

The asssessors announce that the rate of taxation per $1,000, this year will be $18.70. This we believe to be the highest rate ever known in Southbridge. It is especially so, when we consider the relative price of commodities today with those which prevailed in the days of an inflated currency. Nor is this the whole of the story with all of the inhabitants, as those living in the centre watch district have still another tax to be added to the above which will bring their total rate to near $20 on the $1,000. This high rate of taxation on the material industries of the town, particularly the farming interests, will be seriously felt in many instances, and in the end work to the injury of the town. We decry individual extravagance, and since the same laws and principles which govern the one control the other, why should we approve of municipal extravagance? It isn't sound phylosophy for a man to "bite off a bigger piece than he can chew." Doing so is the cause if two-thirds of the failures of the day and always has been so. We believe in public improvements, good roads and sidewalks, provided, we can pay for them, but to get all of these at one time is not the wisest policy. The assessors table of aggregates show a total valuation of $3,158,210; of this 2,340975 is real and $817,235 personal. Gain on real property $52,650; gain on personal property $20,017; total gain $72,667. Number of polls 1492 a loss of one from last year's number. The town appropriations for the year are $55,527.65; state tax $4072.50; county tax $2,420. Total amount $62,119.15.

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Last Week's Rainfall.

For the week ending Sunday July 24 the total precipitation of rain in this vicinity was six and three-eights inches. This is the largest rainfall in an equal space of time which has occurred in Southbridge for many years, if ever before. Swamps and streams are filled with water, and meadows are overflowed, which will render it an impossibility to cut the grass on them for some time to come. To add to the inconvenience of the situation with farmers the rainy weather has prevented the cutting of fields of upland grass, so the haying season will prove a protracted one. Oats in many cases are so badly lodged as to necessitate their immediate cutting. The main crop of potatoes is not far enough alone for the potatoe rot to set in. Corn of which an unusually large acreage was planted this year is growing with astonishing rapidity.

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—High taxes, electric lights and high school lot, three hot subjects for hot weather conversation.

—Apples have been in the market this week, in liberal supply, retailing at 25 cents to 40 cents a peck.

—There will be a clam-bake today at Faulkner's grove from noon until 2 o'clock p. m., and a promenade concert in the evening from 7.30 to 11 p. m.

—The Plimpton street school house, which was offered for sale at public auction last Tuesday, was bid in by Superintendent Clarke for the town at $1,025.

—Callers were numerous at the Globe Village House Tuesday evening, the occasion being a night blooming cereus cactus in bloom, the property of Miss Nellie Horton.

—A party of gentlemen, representing a Methodist society in Salem, have been in town this week looking over the Congregational church, with a view of building one like it in Salem.

—A novena service of St. Ann was concluded at Notre Dame church Tuesday, with a high mass at 8 o'clock a. m. and vesper services in the evening. Large congregations attended both services.

—The Southbridge Cricket Club will play the Worcester City Cricket Club in Worcester tomorrow at 3 o'clock p. m. on the latter's grounds at Lakeview. The local club go to Worcestet on the 1:30 p. m. train and will return via Charlton, thence by bus to Soutnbridge.

Personal.

—Elmer Bacon spent Saturday and Sunday in towu.

—G. A. Millay a former citizen was in town yesterday.

—Mrs. L. D. Clemence and son Myron are at Cottage City.

—Price Jones a former well known citizen is stopping in town.

—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hall are taking a trip to the Provinces.

—Miss Mabel Streeter of Worcester is the guest of Miss C. E. Haskell.

—H. P. Colburn is spending a week's vacation in Norwich, Ct.

—Mrs. H. C. Park of Norwich, Ct., spent last Sunday in town.

—Mr. and Mrs. Roger Corcoran are spending a week in New York.

—Mrs. George W. Wells and daughter Mamie, are at Kennebunk, Maine.

—Mr. and Mrs. John M. Cochran are away on a trip to the Provinces.

—Mrs. Joseph Fallows and daughter are at Camp White for a few weeks.

—Israel S. Trow is critically ill at the residence of A. J. Bartholomew.

—William Ward of Worcester is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cheney.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thimblin are spending the week at Coney Island.

—Joseph Udell's family have removed to North Adams where he is employed.

—Miss Annie Gaynor of Norwood is visiting her grandfather, Lawrence Flynn.

—Miss Nellie Dresser of Worcester is the guest of her cousin, Miss Emma Dresser.

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Dividends for Somebody.

The following named persons can have the sum placed opposite their names by calling at the JOURNAL office. They are the amounts secured to them from the insolvent Eclectic Life Insurance Company: Sarah A. Holmes, $1.53; George Martin, $1.18; Ellen J. Adams, $3.90; ditto, $6.34; S. O. Perry, $3.20; E. J. Richards, $3.75; Merrick D. Aldrich, $19.88; F. S. Streeter, $11.00; Mrs. S. Fridett, $31.26; ditto, $19.88; Henry F. Moody, $31.36; Adeline L. Douty, $24.20; Henry F. Moody, $19.92; George H. Bayils, $6.86.

School Street School House.

The alterations on the School street school house are going on as rapidly as the existing conditions will permit. An addition 32 feet wide by 8 feet deep is being put on the south front of the building. In this new part will be the hall and stairways, the removal of which from the main building will give room for a quite a number of additional new seats. The method of heating and ventilating the building is to undergo a complete transformation. In place of the cumbersome stoves which have heretofore been used for heating a furnace made by Smead & Northcott, Elmira, N. Y. will be placed in the cellar. This furnace is of sufficient size to heat the entire building. It is provided with a ventilating apparatus that is said to work almost to perfection. A section of the cellar of the building had to be dug to a considerable depth to allow of the putting in of the furnace.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Contributed.

The meeting last Monday evening was of more than ordinary interest.

"Do I toil in vain, and why?" is the topic for the men's meeting next Monday evening. Read, Luke v: 1-11. A cordial invitation to all men.

The D. W. Reeves full orchestra (eighteen pieces) of Providence is one of the attraction ih the coming season's star course. As soon as date can be definitely arranged a full announcement will be made.

French Canadian Convention.

One hundred and seventy-six delegates have signified their intention of attending the convention to be held in Dresser Opera House commencing Tuesday of next week. Among the visitors it is expected will be fifteen clergymen. The convention will open at 2 o'clock p. m., Tuesday. A public reception will be held in the evening, at which addresses will be given by H. A. Dubuque of Fall River, Leon Rheims of Southbridge and others. The executive committee of the general convention to be held next year in Nashua, N. H. will be in attendance during the convention. Wednesday will be devoted to the transaction of the general business of the convention.

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—The law on woodcock is off.

—The Universalist society held a picnic at Walker pond yesterday.

—Vernon Chamberlain had a slight paralytic shock Monday morning.

—The decrease in the length of the days to date is fifty seven minutes.

—The hoods of the electric lights have been placed on the poles this week.

Obituary.

Israel C. Trow, a long time resident of Southbridge, died at the residence of his son-in-law, Hon. A. J. Bartholomew, early Tuesday morning of bright's disease. He was born in Hardwick, this county, Sept. 20, 1815, and consequently was in the seventy second year of his age. The Trows were among the early settlers of Hardwick, and from the incorporation of the town to the present time have held a prominent and honored place in the social, educational and industrial affairs of the town. During the Revolutionary war members of the family served in the Continental army, and again in the war of 1812 the family were represented prominently in that short, but sanguinary conflict. Mr. Trow came to Southbridge in his early manhood, and and at once became identified with the social, commercial and political affairs of the place. He at one time engaged in the dry goods trade in company with Daniel Hodges. This venture did not prove a success. At the March meeting in 1837 he was elected to the office of town clerk. He was but 22 years old at the time of his election, a fact which shows the confidence his friends and fellow citizens placed in him, and which must have been gratifying to the young man, then just on the threshold of his own life work. His immediate predecessor in the office was the late Holmes Ammidown. The records of the town as kept by him show a neatness and correctness creditable to himself and his constituents. He held the office of town clerk five years. His fine business talents and executive ability secured for him, soon after his retirement from the town clerk's office, a situation in the custom house at Boston, as one of the appraisers. He continued in this office until 1862, at which date he resigned. After the close of his political life he was for a time connected with a large tobaco firm as an active partner, for a short time. For a number of years he has not been actively in any business. Of late years he has spent his winters in Boston and the remainder of the year in Southbridge. Mr. Trow married Miss Esther, the daughter of the late Jedediah Marcy, by whom he had two children, Esther and Ellen. The former died in early womanhood, the latter is the wife of A. J. Batholomew. Mrs. Trow has been dead for many years. His funeral was held at the residence of Mr. Bartholomew yesterday at 1.30 p. m. and was attended by a large circle of relatives and friends. Rev. Gorham Easterbrook officiated. The bearers were G. A. Dresser, L. S. Ammidown, J. M. Clemence, G. L. Winter, F. P. Pratt, E. S. Ellis.

—The Universalist church will be closed during the current month, as the pastor, Rev. F. Maguire is taking his vacation.

—Frank P. Kelley graduated last week from Bryant and Stratons Business college in Boston, and is now at home.

—The severe thunder storms of last Friday and Sunday which visited other sections of the state and caused so much damage, gave Southbridge a happy go by.

—While attempting the assent of Dresser Hill, on a bicycle, last Friday, Reuben Herron after having made two thirds of the distance, got the machine into a gulley, and in getting off of it stepped into another one, and received a severe wrenching of his foot which necessitated his keeping quiet for a few days.

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—A public meeting of the Canadians will be held in the town hall this evening.

—The exterior wood work on the Edwards block is being repainted by M. Egan.

—The first ripe tomatos we have seen this season were picked by Martin Bridget, last Friday.

—Henry A. Morse's Holstein cow, Tattycoram, gave birth to twin heifer calves, last Sunday.

—It is many years since pastures were in such good condition at this time of the year, as they are at present.

—Blackberries, of which there is an abundant supply this season, are ripening ten days earlier than common.

—James T. McKinstry is painting the Universalist church in Charlton. He also painted it nineteen years ago.

—Excellent music, both vocal and instrumental, was heard at the residence of F. A. Trombly on Central street Tuesday evening.

—A large force of workmen are engaged in putting in the foundation for the new iron turn-table, near the railroad engine house.

—The Southbridge Cricket Club have a practice game every Monday and Wednesday evening on their grounds near Glover street.

—Steamer 1 was used at Lensdale last Saturday for pumping the water from the wheel pit of the old mill, to permit the construction of a stone pier in it.

—Arthur E. Moore, civil engineer, will soon have an office with A. J. Bartholomew. The large amount of his professional work here necessitates his doing this.

—Rev. G. Easterbrook, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach in the school house in Pratt's neighborhood next Sunday at 5 p. m. Sunday school at 4 p. m.

—Charles M. Chamberlain formerly employed by the N. Y. & Penn. Telegraph and Telephone company has accepted a position with the Southbridge Electric Company.

—Mrs. Mary Conley an inmate of the alms house, and 80 years of age has wandered away. Any information regarding her should be conveyed at once to the overseers of the poor.

—Dr. Curtis whose injury we noticed last week, is getting along finely considering the nature of his wounds. His good health and strong constitution will enable him to recover quite rapidly.

—One of the solid men of Southbridge, a large investor in Georgia state securities, became so indignant at the recent course pursued in that state of prohibiting colored children from attending school with the whites that he disposed of all his Georgia property.

—Miss Maggie Lynch of Worcester, a niece of Mrs. Martin Keating whom she is now visiting had a lawn party given in her honor at her aunts residence on Plimpton street Wednesday evening which was attended by some twenty young misses.

—Peaches have not as yet arrived in our markets from the south, but J. S. Gleason had on sale yesterday as fine a basket of them as one could wish to see. They were raised by Edmund Nichols of Sturbridge. Monday Melvin Shepard brought in the first ones of the season.

—The annual reunion of the Goodell family will take place at Forest View Grove (Walker pond,) Sturtridge, Wednesday, August 10; if stormy the reunion will be held the first fair day. It is expected that Rev. C. L. Goodell of Providence, R. I., will be present and deliver an address.

—Thomas Conwell, for sometime past employed by Rev. James Donahue, has left his position and after returning from New Haven, Ct., where he is at present visiting, will enter St. Therese college in St. Timothie, Canada. His place has been taken by James Lee.

—While Michael Lucia was on his way to Charlton with a load of hay one day last week, his yoke of cattle were so overcome by the heat that he was obliged to unyoke and leave them in the care of Edwin Phillips until the next day. They probably had a slight sunstroke. The cattle are at present having a vacation.

—M. A. Burrell of the Southbridge Elevator had his left arm fractured and otherwise badly bruised by being caught between the bunters of cars he was attempting to couple, Monday afternoon. The accident was caused by his stepping on a rolling stone which caused him to slip. The injured arm was dressed by Dr. Bulfinch.

—The funeral of Robert Blaine was held at his late home last Friday afternoon. Rev. G. Easterbrook, in the unavoidable absence of Rev. S. Hayward, officiated. A quartette consisting of Misses Sadie Bugbee, Lizzie Alden, Fred Hill and John Taylor sang appropriate selections. The bearers were William McKee, Fred Hill, John Taylor and George Simpson.

—A certain young lady in town whose positiveness, on the occasion in question, got the better of her judgement, was so certain that the light recently seen in the west was a veritable electric light sent up by Edison from Menlo Park that to further convince her friends of the correctness of her claims that she wrote to Edison in regard to it and received the following characteristic reply from the great inventor: "I beg to say that I am not at all responsible for the appearance every night of the evening star, which is the light you refer to as visible in the west."

Y. W. C. T. U.

Contributed.

The Y's of Massachusetts have recently issued a supplement to "Our Message," which every member of the Union and every friend of temperance should read. It contains greetings from our national president, Miss Willard, from the national superintendent, Mrs. Frances J. Barnes, our state president and others; a summary of the work social, juvenile and otherwise, done by the Y's of this state; many suggestions for work; and a list of officers of the different unions. Copies can be obtained by Miss Letcher at the postoffice. It is hoped that every member will obtain copies for herself and friends.

Band Concert.

Following is the program of the band concert to be given on the town hall lawn this evening.

1. March, "Anbudon" - - Rowsdell
2. Gavath, "Prettiest" - - - Warren
3. Waltzes, "See Saw" - - - Crowe
4. Polka duet, "Two Friends" - Bayley
   Messers Green and Faron.
5. Selection, "Gems of Scotland" - Cavalline
6. Polka, "Pizzicato" - - - Stranss
7. March, "On the field" - - - Casey
8. Trombone solo, "Down deep in the cellar" Fischer
   Mr. Cook.
9. Schottische, "Dear one far away" - Casey
10. Galop, "Flying Yankee" - - Rollinson

The next succeeding concert will be given at Globe Village, August 19.

The Sewerage Question.

The special committee appointed to investigate the subject of sewerage, of that portion of the town adjacent to Central brook, have made a thorough and exhaustive examination of the work assigned them and have formulated a report which they will submit to the forthcoming town meeting. The report provides for the building of a brick conduit beginning at the brook where it crosses Chapin street, thence across Main street to a point near the Fairbank's property. From this point it will lead in nearly a straight line to the culvert under the railroad at Hook street. The report further provides, and the committee recommend, that a pipe be laid from a point opposite the Baptist church through Main street to the conduit, and that another lead from opposite the Universalist church to the conduit. Most of the abutters have been seen by the committee and they have expressed a willingness to waive all damages. In the opinion of the commit ee the cost of constructing the sewer will not exceed $5,000.

Mid-Summer Flowers.

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The planting of ornamental leafed plants is not practiced nearly so much at present as formerly. Why the custom ever became so general is beyond our comprehension, because beds made of them always have the same general appearance, while plots planted with annuals or other flowering plants are ever unfolding some new beauty or attraction. Besides the cost of the former exceeds by many times that of the latter. The great improvement brought about in annuals, by hybridization and skillful culture by the florists have made many of the old favorites again popular. At the head of the list of annuals has stood for several years the pansy and its popularity is at present greater than ever. The pansy is pre-eminently a spring flower and to get the most satisfactory bloom, seed should now be sown so that by the time freezing weather sets in the plants will have attained to near the blooming size. On the approach of winter cover the bed with some loose litter; a liberal supply of hemlock boughs is the best. On the opening of spring your plants will come rapidly into bloom and thus you will have the benefit of their flowers the entire season which is a great consideration with pansies.

The drummond Phlox is an annual that has been greatly improved in recent years and we now have it in almost every conceivable shade. It is a hardy annual and for this reason the seed should be sown as early as possible, as later on the hot sun dries up the ground to such an extent as to prevent the easy germination of the seed. If the seeds are procured in separate colors some very pretty effects can be made by sowing them in lines, ribbons and figures. Should any thing prevent the sowing of the seed before the approach of real warm weather one will find it a better way to sow the seed in a shallow box than in the open ground as it is then an easy matter to control the condition of the dirt in which the seed is sown. The drummond phlox is a rampant grower, and therefore the young plants should be set not nearer than one foot. Set at this distance the plants assume a fine bushy form and give a profusion of bloom unexcelled for brilliancy, by scarcely any other bedding plant.

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More Railroad Talk.

President Gilman, of the Worcester and Hudson Railroad, spent a great deal of time in Boston last week, in consultation with the New York and Boston capitalists who are associated with him in the enterprise. It is understood that the line is to be a link in a through line from Boston to New York, and Mr. Gilman has shown plainly what is to be gained by bringing the line through the largest and most populous inland city in New England. It is stated that if Shrewsbury, Northboro and Hudson raise their proportion with the assistance of outside friends, the road will be built to Hudson. If not another move is talked ror by changing the line at Northboro and running easterly through Marlboro to connect with the Massachusetts Central near that place, until the independent line is completed to Boston. In this case Hudson will be left out in the cold. An addition to the board of directors will be made by adding representatives of Boston and Marlboro. Mr. Gilman hopes that Worcester will assist in bringing the road into the city by furnishing the right-of-way and depot accommodations, but if this fails a new company will be organized and the line will be run westerly from Davis cottage under the Albany railroad, and continue through Quinsigamond Village, Stoneville, North Oxford, Charlton, Southbridge, Sturbridge, Fiskdale, East Brimfield, Holland, Wales, Stafford, Rockville, and East Hartford to Hartford, there connecting with the New York, New Haven and Hartford road to New York. The distance between Boston and New York will be reduced 20 miles, and the steepest grade will not exceed 40 feet to the mile. Mr. Gilman will start this afternoon to examine the line from Northboro through Marlboro to Boston.—*Worcester Spy.*

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The Weather.

A good smart shower took place during the hour of noon last Saturday. Although no rain fell after this shower during the remainder of the day yet it kept cloudy and at a number of times in the afternoon it appeared as though we were to have another shower, but none came. Early in the evening the clouds disappeared and the sky had that clearness common to a September evening. Before morning the temperature underwent a decided change becoming so cool that one could easily imagine it was September instead of early August. Monday and Tuesday were delightful days and those that had the means and leisure made the most of them by driving out into the country and in holding picnic's and family gatherings.

The Season's Hay Crop.

Farmers in general have finished haying this week, and most of them report a crop in excess of last year. Those farmers who were so fortunate as to finish haying before the rainy days came, cured their hay in splendid color, but much of the later cut grass, by getting wet, is more or less blackened. During the hight of the season good help was scarce, and this with the recent bad hay weather has greatly prolonged the season. The recent rains have had the effect of keeping in growth the feed in the pastures, and on land sufficiently fertile, a crop, of unusually heavy rowen will be cut.

Globe Council.

Globe Council of the Home Circle will picnic at Walker pond the 23d. The grand officers of the order, accompanied by their wives, will be in attendance.

After the regular business of the council last Tuesday evening, a social hour was spent by the members and invited guests, in pastimes, sports and in listening to the excellent singing of J. F. B. Litchfield and to the peerless piano playing of Miss Maud Oldham.

Globe Council is at present in an exceedingly prosperous condition, and its influence on the social life of the town is widespread and beneficial.

Returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Litchfield arrived home from their trip to Europe last Friday evening, having reached Boston on the Cunard steamship Bothnia, just previous to the leaving of the train for Southbridge. The Bothnia had a rather rough passage on her return voyage, having encountered some heavy gales, but she reached port on time. Mr. and Mrs. Litchfield since starting on their journey, have visited London and other important cities in England and localities of special interest in that country. They also went to Paris and viewed the sights of that place. Their many friends in town accorded them a hearty welcome home.

Industrial Notes.

The work of getting the spinning and weaving machinery in operation in the Hamilton Woolen Company's printworks building, progresses rapidly. Most of the spinning machinery is running as are also close on to 100 looms. The new machinery works to a charm, the looms particularly running with ease and freedom from friction or jar. A new elevator has been put in which will add to the convenience of the works. The monster steam chest that was formerly used in the can room has been removed.

The visitor at Lensdale is at once impressed, not alone with the magnitude of the works in course of construction, but also with the thoroughness with which it is being done. The brick piers, on which will rest the long strings of heavy white oak timber, are all completed, as are the stone piers for the main lines of shafting. The work on the dam is progressing rapidly. The dirt for filling is taken from the hill on the left bank of the river, and the contractors have been fortunate in striking a place so free from obstructions. The carpenters are busy in forming the frame of the building. Taken altogether Lensdale presents a brisk and stirring appearance.

A Family Re-Union.

The re-union of the Goodell family, which was held at Walker pond, Wednesday, was attended by some fifty persons. Representatives of the family were present from Southbridge, Framingham, Dudley, Stafford, Ct., Chelsea, Hyde Park, Boston and Providence, R. I. The day was spent in the participation by those present, in the festivities incident to such an occasion. The address given by Rev. C. L. Goodell, of Providence, was in his happiest view. Warren Goodell, Leonard Goodell and Alvin Goodell made a few remarks. Joel Marble presided during the speaking.

Town Warrant.

WORCESTER, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Southbridge, in the county of Worcester, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Southbridge, on SATURDAY, the 13th day of August, at two of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the committee on sewerage and raise and appropriate money to defray the expense of constructing any portion of the sewer recommended in their report or act thereon.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to pay Lorenzo Morton two hundred dollars, in addition to the award of the selectmen in the laying out of Benefit street, or act thereon.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to erect a building for the combined purposes of a Town Hall and High School, on the lot where the present Town Hall now stands, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to rescind its vote of June 18, 1887, under Article 8, whereby it voted to instruct the selectmen to purchase land on South Marcy street for a High School building, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the Southbridge JOURNAL and the Southbridge *Herald* the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting, — or by posting up such attested copies in four conspicuous public places within the Town, at least nine days, including Sundays,— before the day of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place hereinbefore named.

Given under our hands this third day of August A. D., 1887.

A. H. WHEELER,
W. D. MORSE,
GEO. L. CLEMENCE,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy attest.
J. S. DRESSER, Constable of Southbridge.

REPORT of the condition of the SOUTHBRIDGE NATIONAL BANK, at Southbridge, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, August 1, 1887.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$307,631 06
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	150,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents	1,079 98
Real estate furniture and fixtures	2,000 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	1,742 18
Checks and other cash items	12,402 59
Bills of other banks	795 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	35 04
Specie	8,600 00
Legal tender notes	989 00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 percent of circulation)	6,750 00
Total	$492,024 86

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$150,000 00
Surplus fund	30,000 00
Undivided profits	49,151 15
National bank notes outstanding	133,700 00
Dividends unpaid	452 00
Individual deposits subject to check	128,721 71
Total	$492,024 86

State of Massachusetts, county of Worcester, ss:

I, F. L. Chapin, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. F. L. CHAPIN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of August 1887.

E. M. PHILLIPS Special Justice
1st District Court Southern Worcester.

Correct. Attest:

R. H. COLE,
C. A. PAIGE,
C. D. PAIGE, } Directors.

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Warden Northup of the town farm reports the present season's hay crop as one third heavier than last year's. The citizens of the town have noted with pleasure the improvements made in recent seasons in the carrying on of the farm. Where it can be accomplished; without incurring too great expense, a town should endeavor to make its farm a model one. The best of live stock should be kept; the farm impliments ought to be of the most approved makes; and, the farm is an excellent place to test newly introduced varieties of fruit, seeds and grain, because if failure ensues, the loss will fall on the many and not upon the single individual.

The French Convention.

The past week marks an era in the history of the French Canadian population of Southbridge. The occasion being the assembling in convention of the French societies of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The evnet has been looked forward to with exceeding interest by the people of Southbridge. The weather has been propitious for the holding of the sessions of the convention, and also to add zest to the accompiishment of the work before it. The preliminary work of the gathering had been well and thoroughly completed by the local committee of arrangements, and Tuesday morning found all in readiness for the assembling of the convention. The tri-colored flag and the stars and stripes floated in unison in various paris of the town, and this display of bunting coupled with the crowds on the streets, gave the town a gala appearance. Dresser Opera House, where the convention was held, was beautifully and fittingly decorated. Over the stage were draped the French and American Flags; stretching across the hall from various points of the galleries were streamers of red, white and blue, these met at the chandelier; portraits of Washington and Lincoln were shown; running along the sides of the galleries and fastened to the sides of the house were mottos, legends and quotations in French. The presidents desk was draped in the colors emblamatic of the nation. Tables were placed along the central part of the hall for the use of the delegates. On the tables were pen, ink and paper, and while the delegates were attending a session, a stranger visiting the hall could not help but notice the legislative appearance of its deliberations. The convention opened at 2 o'clock p. m., Tuesday. The business before the session during the afternoon was chiefly of an executive character. In the evening came the public reception, which to the community at large was of most interest. Joseph D. Blanchard, chairman of the committee of arrangements, opened the meeting by introducing A. H. Wheeler, who in his capacity as chairman of the selectmen, welcomed in behalf of the town, the visiting delegates and friends. Mr. Wheeler was warmly greeted as he stepped to the front of the platform. He spoke as sollows:

The other speakers of the evening were Messrs. Bartholomew and Haggerty, Drs. Grandpre and St. Germain, Messrs. Rhems and Dubuque.

Education is what is wanted. It is want that keeps the world moving, it is want that impels man to activity. It is want for position and power that arouses ambition, and it is a want for knowledge that incites to study. Therefore create a want for education and be determined to have it. I mean such an education as it is possible for you to obtain. Some of the ablest statesmen New England has ever produced were self educated. There never was a time when the young men of our land had the opportunities to obtain knowledge as the present, in my opinion. There is no excuse for any young man not obtaining some knowledge of public affairs in these days of free instruction. Read the papers, every man, citizen or no citizen, should take and read the local papers. They are sure to teach him all about public affairs at home, and all that are able should take some one of the great dailies, they are a school in themselves, for general knowledge, they are unsurpassed. They are great educators of the world. If you will avail yourselves of the opportunities held forth by a generous town you can obtain knowledge that will help you through life and which will be a blessing to you and your families. I refer to the public library and reading room. These are the great security vaults and mines of knowledge. Every citizen should own a home of his own if possible; this would create an interest in public affairs and enlist their attention in all matters pertaining to the general good. Now as I close let me offer a little advice. Be temperate, be charitable. Perhaps what I have said may seem inappropriate, but considering the object of the meeting it seems to me to be fitting. Yoor people comprise more than one-half of the entire population of this town. You have filled many important offices. You will in all probability be called upon to fill other and higher positions; therefore it is for the interest of the town as well as your own that I have spoken as I have. I thank yon for the attention you have given the few remarks that I have made. Once more I welcome you to our town and I trust that when you return to your homes you will carry the kindliest of feelings toward us. Hoping that your convention may be a success, I again bid you welcome.

There are a great many disagreable and unpleasant requirements connected with the office of selectmen, and there are also many duties incumbent upon their office that are pleasant, and I assure you Mr. President that this honor that you have conferred upon me of welcoming so distinguished and representative a body of the French people of this state is very gratifying to me and one of the most agreeable I have ever been called upon to perform. However I do it somewhat reluctantly knowing that I am unable to do justice to the occasion or to say anything that will instruct, entertain or even be satisfying to the citizens of this town in whose behalf I speak, nevertheless I would be false in the office I hold and unfaithful to those who have placed me here, and to myself if I should decline to extend a hearty welcome to you. Gentlemen representing as you do your people from nearly every section of the commonwealth. I therefore extend the right hand of fellowship and welcome you heartily to our town. I came to this town in 1866, twenty-one years ago and from that time until the present I have been in some way associated with the French people. I have watched their growth from a few hundred up to nearly 3500 or more than one half of the entire population of the town, I have also watched the individual growth of some of our adopted citizens, from the humblest position to become most successful business men and merchants. I think it was in 1835 that the first French family came to town. At a census taken quite recently we find that there 612 families with a population of 3500, that they have been generally prosperous is evident to all nearly every branch of business is represented by the French citizens, and in nearly all cases they have been successful, and had we access to the books of the Southbridge Savings bank. I am sure we would find thousands of dollars to the credit of these people, they also own a large amount of land and their houses are numerous throughout the town. They pay no small amount of the taxes of this town and are directly interested in its welfare. Progression has been their motto and in advancing themselves they have helped us till 1887 finds those of us that are in business somewhat dependent upon them. If I am rightly informed this convention is called in the interest of naturalization and education. A worthy object, a noble purpose, a grand intention. To become a citizen makes a man more of a man, it elevates him and places him on a level with his fellow man. He starts a new life has a desire to grasp important public questions and shoulders his part of the responsibility incumbent upon every good citizens. He helps to make the laws and fits himself to govern as well as be governed. There are in Southbridge about 126 French voters, there might be, and taking their population into consideration there ought to be at least 500. The town of Southbridge is indebted in a very great measure to its adopted citizens, and their children who have become of age, for its walks, nice streets and nearly all other impruvements. I have reference to no particular nationality it means all. I believe it to be every man's duty to become a citizen, and a voter, and to take active part in political affairs. Good laws are the foundation of good government if enforced, but if not enforced they are a dead letter and detrimental to the welfare of the community.

WHAT THEY SAY.

Shall We Have a High School and Town Hall in One Building? Opinions of the Citizens as Given to a Journal Reporter.

The main topic of conversation during the week has been the new phase of the High school and town hall question and interest in the subject will deepen and spread until a decision is reached on Saturday afternoon. That the JOURNAL readers might know the drift of the views of some of their fellow townsmen a reporter was sent out to get the opinions of whomsoever he might meet. We would gladly have published the opinions of more of the people, did time and space permit.

C. A. Dresser was found at his office at the Central Mills, and after some urging by the reporter, consented to give him his opinion on the all engrossing topic of the week. He said: My opinion is that within the next five years the town will save $30,000 to $40.000 by the erection of a combined building, and that on the present site. So far as location is concerned there is no spot so convenient or central as the present location. The town owns the lot and has a clear title to it. It contains ninety-five square rods, nearly as much land as the town could take for a school house lot, were they to condemn a piece. My idea would be to erect a building costing $30,000, with hall on the first floor and school room above. Of this sum I would recommend the paying of $2,000 and interest annually. In reply to other questions he further said: To get the needed improvements, such as sidewalks, water and lights on the Marcy street site would cost $10,000 or $12,000. My plan is to demolish the old town house at once, get the lot graded and in condition by winter so that on the opening of spring we can commence at once on its erection and thus by another fall have it ready for occupancy.

C. A. Paige was called upon by the reporter to whom, after he had stated the object of his visit, Mr. Paige spoke as follows: At the last two meetings of the town I voted to buy land tor a new High school building on Main and Marcy streets and on South Marcy street and would have voted to buy land on North Marcy street for a new town hall. As all efforts to buy new land have failed, and in view of the present high rate of taxation, I now think it best to get along with one building, which will be a saving to the town of at least $20,000. Under the present condition of affairs I am opposed to purchasing new land, but favor the building on the present site, which is the very best in town, no other to be compared with it. There is no necessity of buying another inch of land. The dimensions of the lot are 188 feet deep, about 150 wide, with about 90 feet of spare land between the sidewalk and the present building, and about 25 feet in the rear with nearly 10 feet used by the stone steps. I believe when this is understood by the town, all will agree that the best thing to do is to build on their own lot.

B. A. Leonard said: I am in favor of building a High school house by itself on the Marcy street lot as voted by the town.

Postmaster Oakes was next called upon, and in complying with the reporters request to give his views said: Could the town afford it, I would like to see a High school building by itself and likewise a new town hall, but under existing circumstances, if we can unload an expense of $10,000 we had better do it. The most central lot is the one most accessable. Besides the voters need the new hall just as much as the scholars need the new school building. By combining them in one building we get both for $30,000 or $35,000. Again the High school has use for a large hall once or twice a year; at present they are compelled to go out on the street and hire this hall when needed, this want can be supplied in a new town hall. I believe that the surroundings of a pupil have much to do with his disposition to study, and to this end I think his mind would be imbued with a better spirit by attending a school on the present site than one built in the wilderness.

S. T. Cutting in reply to the reporters questions said: I do not favor the purchasing of the Marcy street lot for a High school building. My idea is to raise $10,000 and enlarge the present town house. With that amount we could make the present building of sufficient size to answer all the requirements of the town and High school.

George A. Dresser said: I have always advocated the construction of a town hall and High school building combined, and that too on the site of the present town hall. Should we build on the Marcy street lot, by the time we got the lot filled and graded, sidewalks constructed and other essential requisites provided it will have cost $10,000.

C. D. Monroe said: There are two sides to this question. While economy says have the town hall and High school combined, yet I believe it would be an advantage to have the High school building on the Marcy street lot, provided the town could afford to have both.

A. B. Goodier on being requested to state his views replied: I favor the Marcy street lot or some similar central location in order to accommodate the scholars from the Globe. I think it the best policy for us to have the High school by itself. The town hall will answer our purpose for a while. Besides all this I do not believe in putting public buildings on too prominent streets.

Amasa Haskell when asked his views answered: My views are and ever have been from the beginning, that we ought to have both buildings together on the old site. It is not only economy to do so, but it is one of the most eligible spots in town. It is already graded and provided with side walks, water and lights; while if we build on Marcy street, all these things must be provided. The distance of the present site from Marcy street is but 900 feet. I think we can get a combined building for what the Marcy street building would cost.

John Ryan of the firm of J. & T. Ryan said: I advocate the construction on the present site of a combined building. It will be economy for the town to do so, and besides, it will fully answer all purposes.

C. V. Carpenter gave it as his opinion that it would be of a decided advantage to the town to have the two combined. The present town house lot is of ample size for a building of the required dimensions. The present is the best and most central location. It is already supplied with water, sewage, lights and sidewalks, and it seems to me that a town house is no detriment to the High school, as it has the same advantages if combined with the town hall that it would have in a building wholly to itself.

W. C. Callahan said: I favor the construction of a building combining both, a town hall and school house. I think we need a town hall just as urgently as we need the school house, we want them both and that at once. I do not think the town can afford to build both separately; by having the two in one we save a large sum. If the town did not own the present site of the town hall, I believe that would be the first spot we would buy. Economy says emphatically, build on the present site. Among the advantages would be the heating of the building which would necessitate the buying of but one apparatus.

Charles Haggerty of the school committee said: My first choice is a High school building pure and simple. I believe the best results can be attained by such a building. I still think its location should be on the corner of Main and Marcy streets or land adjacent. I do not like the South Marcy street lot on account of its location and the expense of getting it in order. Then can be no question as to the economy in the erection of a combined building on the present site, and with taxes in the watch district at nearly $20 on a $1000, the arguments are strongly in favor of the two in one. There are, however, some considerations outside of the intrinsic merits of the building alone. One of these is that if the sentiment is strong enough to allow the town hall and High school to be built on the present site, a most bitter fight in the near future will be avoided. In any event I believe this question should be settled once for all at tomorrow's meeting.

B. U. Bugbee said: I favor the South Marcy street location by all odds for a High school building. The location is pleasant, the sanitary conditions can't be improved upon, and besides all this the growth of the town is in that direction.

Theodore Harrington in reply to the scribes interrogotories said: I believe it to be economy for the town to build a combined building. The present site is the best location in town, and it will accommodate a greater number than any place. It is my opinion that aside from the building it would cost $14,000 to get the grounds and surroundings in proper condition on the proposed Marcy street site. The sentiment of the town is largely in favor of the present site and for a combined structure.

L. S. Ammidown replied: I favor the construction of a combined building on the present town house site on the score of economy. We can save a large sum of money by having the two together. I would advise the paying of $2000 annually, with the interest.

Augustus Cook in reply to the reporters queries said: My views favor the erection of a combined building. Either one cannot in no wise be objectionable to the other. We have appropriated $20,000 for the erection of a High school building alone, with an additional $10,000 we can have both, and thereby save $15,000, and that is an object to look at.

P. T. Litchfield of the special committee said: I am decidedly in favor of a new High school building by itself. I regret the move now being made to have a town hall and High school combined. I do not think that the question of economy should enter into the subject. In an enterprising town like Southbridge we should look to have each building separate. I am opposed to having both combined on general principles. It seems to me that the High school should be in an attractive and retired position. I am in favor of the South Marcy street lot.

William Power said: I am decidedly in favor of the combined building. Our taxes are too high now and I see no reason why we should needlessly make them higher. Nearly everyone I speak to on this question favor the combined building.

G. L. Winter in answer to the reporter said: I favor the South Marcy street lot. I think it better to have the High school in a building by itself. I do not think that the question of cost should enter into the case at all.

W. C. Barnes said: I like the South Marcy street lot. If we can't buy all that the town voted to purchase, we can get enough of it that is unencumbered, on which to build the High school. The town evidently likes the lot as is fully shown by its vote at the last town meeting. I do not think there is any call for the erection, here in Southbridge, of such a high building as a combined structure would be, and thus necessitating the climbing of a long flight of stairs by the teachers and scholars of the school.

Selectman Morse said: I am strongly in favor of a combined building on the present town house lot. It is not only a matter of economy, but the location is central and I fully believe that if such a house is built all will in the end believe it to have been the wisest plan.

Selectman Wheller was seen at the store of Bugbee & Wheeler and said: I am in favor of the South Marcy street lot. I think it will eventually prove the more central of the two lots. I advocate this because it is larger than the present town hall site. I do not think it would cost any more to grade the South Marcy street lot than it would the present town hall lot. With the steam drill which is in present operation on Dresser street it would cost but little money to remove the rocks on the lot. I think favorably of a combined building, but if we are to have such, let it be a High and Grammar school building.

George Wald said: I shall vote for a combined building on the present town hall site. The town needs a new hall fully as much as it does a High school building. The sentiment in this part of the town is in favor of having both in one.

Dr. T. L. Paton was seen at his office and in answer to the reporters queries said: My views are that the situation of the town requires the High school building between the two villages. I prefer the South Marcy lot to the present site for the reason that it brings the school nearer the villages. My idea is that many children are debarred from getting a High school education for the reason that they have to go too far to school. I am not in favor of a combined High school and town hall, but if we are to have such a building, let it be a High and Grammar school house.

S. K. Ecwards was seen and he gave his views as follows: Inasmuch as the town

owns the present site of the town hall, I would recommend the construction of a combined building. Personally I would advise the buying of the South Marcy lot providing the town did not have a lot of its own. It is a matter of economy to tax payers. I believe the town needs both and why not have both in one building. I think both can be put up for $30,000. On the present site we have sidewalk, water, gas, etc. The extra expense of getting these on the South Marcy lot would go far towards paying for a town hall.

John Tatterson was seen by the reporter just as he was leaving his office on his way to dinner. He simply said that he was in favor of a combined building on the present town hall site.

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SOUTHBRIDGE.

—Town meeting tomorrow at 2 p. m.

—The exterior wood work of Hartwell's block is being repainted.

—Southbridge was well represented at Roseland park last Saturday.

—Services will be resumed at the Universalist church next Sunday.

—The Hamilton Woolen Company's, Amesbury tax this year is $11,848.45.

—The 9.40 train Tuesday morning ran over and killed a pig near the Main street bridge.

—W. H. H. Cheney has purchased a fine iron grey horse, suitable alike for driving and farm work.

—Most of the Southbridge attendants at the Sterling camp meeting returned home last Friday evening.

—Three hundred and sixteen persons, all told, attended the morning service at the Congregational church last Sunday.

—During the continuance of the camp meeting at West Dudley grove the round trip fare from Southbridge will be but sixteen cents.

—Monday, Sept. 5., being a legal holiday the public library will be closed. The museum, also, will not be open, as is customary the first Monday of the month.

—The Hamilton Woolen Company have disposed of the ice in their largest ice house and are now selling that stored in the smaller building.

—Superintendent Searles of the Hamilton Woolen Company's mills made a business visit to the company's mills in Amesbury this week.

—Watermelons are unprecedentedly cheap this year. One of our dealers is disposing of a lot that will average 20 pounds, at 15 cents each.

—C. L. Roberts, J. S. Gleason's new delivery clerk, and family have moved into the house vacated by P. H. Kelly, at the corner of Main and Union streets.

—At the auction sale of P. H. Kelly's goods last Saturday it was estimated that five hundred people were in attendance. The bidding was spirited and articles were knocked down at good prices.

—The Southbridge Electric Company's poles have been painted by P. M. Clarke. It is the opinion of people who have inspected the poles along the streets of Boston and Worcester that they are inferior to those placed in Southbridge.

—Auctioneer Clarke will sell at auction, one week from today, in front of his building on Central street, a large amount of furniture, household goods, crockery, glass-ware, etc.

—William McGilpin, once a well known resident of Southbridge, but now a citizen of Lawrence, has given up his occupation as a cloth printer on the Pacific corporation, to engage in business for himself in that city.

—Monday evening a throwing contest took place on the Southbridge cricket grounds between Frank Gauthier and Patrick Keefe, the former throwing a three pound weight 37 yards and 2 feet, beating Keefe by about a foot.

—C. V. Carpenter attended, as the delegare from the Congregational church, the council convened to consider the dismissal of the Rev. Dr. Walker of the Spencer Congregational church, in that place yesterday.

—The Southbridge cricket club will play the Clintons, it is expected, on the Southbridge base ball grounds Saturday, Sept. 10. Should anything happen to prevent the Clinton team from coming the Worcester Citys will be secured.

—W. C. Lewis is introducing a novel device for heating purposes. It is called an indestructible fuel cartridge. It consists of a metal cylinder packed with incombustible material, with absorbent quantities sufficient to absorb one pint of oil, which will burn from forty to sixty minutes and produce enough heat to cook a meal. A practical exhibition of it can be seen at his store every afternoon and evening.

—The talked of combined picnic of the Home Circle and Union church Sunday school has been indefinitely postponed. The proposed place of holding the festival was Union Point, Webster lake, but the New York and New England railroad wanted 50 cents for a round trip ticket and a guarantee of 150 passengers. The committee having the matter in charge thought that this was asking too much.

—The season at the Opera houses opens Friday, Sept. 9, with the greatest of all Irish comedians, Pat. Rooney. The season promises an unusually fine list of attractions. Among them are: Sept. 12, Si. Perkins; Oct. 7, Chantran in "Kit"; Oct. 11, The new Star, Augusta Van Doren, in "Charlotte Russe"; Nov. 3, Farnum Brothers; Nov. 7, Bennett & Moulton's Jurvenile Opera Company, for two nights; Dec. 7, Mora, for one week.

—W. E. Alden arrived home from his trip across the continent last Friday night. He says that one of the pleasantest features of his tour was a five days sight-seeing in the Yellowstone national park. Of the geysers or boiling springs of that locality he gives a vivid description and says they surpass in interest anything in nature he has ever seen. In speaking of California he thinks that with all its advantages he would rather live in Southbridge. This is Mr. Alden's second trip to the Pacific coast.

DIED.

In West Woodstock, Aug. 27, James Buckner' aged 57 years.

In Southbridge, Aug. 27, Mrs. Rhod a Freeman, aged 31 years, 8 months.

In Southbridge, Aug. 31, Patrick Ryan. He was one of the earliest Irish settlers in Southbridge.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

—James F. Blaine has returned from a vacation trip.

—C. M. Cook was in town last Saturday and attended the G. A. R. picnic.

—George Hill has so far recovered from his recent severe illness as to be able to be out of doors.

—Rev. and Mrs. Silvanus Hayward attended the council of Congregational churches in Spencer yesterday.

—Dr. L. W. Curtis has so far recovered from his recent injuries as to be able to attend quite fully to his business affairs.

—The parochial schools commenced yesterday. We understand that children under seven years of age are not permitted to attend.

—Attention is called to the fact that the Southbridge-Pascoag ball game, Monday, begins at 3 o'clock, instead of 3:45, as usual.

—The Town Hall and High school building committee went to Boston this morning to attend the hearing in regard to the proposed injunction.

—B. U. Bugbee was to have represented the Union church at the council which considered the dismissal of Rev. Dr. Walker from the Spencer Congregational church, yesterday, but could not attend.

—Mr. Robinson of the Thomson-Houston company suggests that if a public celebration is contemplated when the electric lights are started, it would be well to wait until the lights are in good working order and not attempt to celebrate on the first evening.

—David W. Letters, a well known Webster dealer in pianos, organs, sewing machines and general musical merchandise, proposes to establish a trade in the towns lying between Webster and Springfield, and will travel through the intervening towns.

—It is expected that all of the looms in the new weaving department in the Hamilton Woolen company's printworks building will be started today. All of the machinery in the spinning room has been in successful operation for a week or more. The new elevator is in running order and a large force of machinists are engaged in putting lines of steam pipes in the rooms. These pipes, instead of being put down near to the floor, as is the usual method, will run along the ceiling. Seventy-seven hands are employed in the new rooms.

Personal.

—A. W. Gould of Milford was in town Wednesday.

—Miss Selinie Trombly has gone to Vermont to reside.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dresser arrived home from Saratoga Tuesday evening.

—George L. Clemence has commenced cutting his second crop of grass.

—Mrs. Frank Randall has returned from New York much improved in health.

—Misses Carrie and Annie Marble are visiting relatives in Spencer, this week.

—Abner Boston is visiting his family in South Berwick, Me.

—Charles Harrington is taking in the sights of New York city and the Hudson river.

Misses Belle Crawford and Florence Kinney of Staffordville, Ct. are visiting at G. L. Winter's.

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Don't Miss It.

Tomorrow evening the concert by the Lilhatansu ladies' quartette of Milford, assisted by the famous impersonator, Madame Hernandred Ricard of Haverhill, will be given in Edwards Opera house. It promises to be one of the best musical entertainments ever given in town, and Madame Ricard's impersonations, which have never been excelled, are alone well worth the price of admission. All lovers of dramatic art, all who enjoy hearty laughter, all who are interested in oratory, should not fail to see and hear Madame Ricard.

The quartette is one of the best. Some of the best musical critics have pronounced their singing as superior to that of many of the Boston ladies' quartettes. Their voices are well balanced and perfectly trained, and having the advantage of constant practice their singing, as a quartette, is well nigh perfect. Those who appreciate good singing should not fail to attend. Following is the

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. {(a) The Brook, Anderson
   {(b) Holloa, Kienzl
   Quartette.
2. Jamie, Anon
   Madame Ricard.
3. Annie Laurie, Buck
   Quartette.
4. A Domestic Squall, Anon
   Madame Ricard.
5. What her fan says, Thayer
   Quartette.
6. Solo. Only for One, Randegger
   Mrs. Wood.
7. Impersonation, Gen. B. F. Butler. Campaign Speech,
   Madame Ricard.

PART II.

1. Rustic Dance, Resch
   Quartette.
2. Mme. Janauschek in Letter Scene from Macbeth,
   Mme. Ricard.
3. Solo. The Watcher, Geibel
   Mrs. Whitney.
4. Duett. A Golden Day, Campana
   Mrs. Lull and Mrs. Bell.
5. Character Sketch, Grandma's Courtship
   Mme. Ricard.
6. Legends, Mohring
   Quartette.

Entertainment at G. A. R. Rooms.

The entertainment given in the pleasant and attractive headquarters of the G. A. R. post last Friday evening, by the Woman's Relief Corps, was not so well attended as the high character of the exercises merited. However, the audience was an appreciative one, and the exercises of the evening passed off very pleasantly. Miss Bank's readings were attentively listened to, particularly those pertaining to army life. Aside from the recitations of Miss Banks, Miss E. Frances Dresser, as a soloist, delighted the audience with her song "Good Bye," Miss Mary Pellett accompanist. Mrs. H. N. Carpenter and Miss Carrie Stone gave a vocal duet, "The Venetian Boatman's Song." The hearty and long continued applause of the audience at the close of the song was an emphatic manifestation of their appreciation. In response to the plaudits of their listeners they sang "Say Once Again I Love Thee." After the close of the formal exercises on invitation of Mrs. Morse, president, the audience remained for awhile and enjoyed a season of social greeting and converse.

Town Warrant.

WORCESTER, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Southbridge, in the county of Worcester,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Edwards Opera House in said Southbridge, on TUESDAY, the 8th day of November, next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said month, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes for the following named officers: A Governor, a Lieutenant Governor, a Treasurer and Receiver General, a Secretary of the Commonwealth, for an Auditor of Accounts, an Attorney General, a Councillor for the Seventh Councillor District: Also for the following named officers of the County of Worcester, aforesaid, to wit: A County Commissioner and a Commissioner of Insolvency to fill vacancy now existing caused by the resignation of Charles Field; Also for a Senator for the Third Worcester Senatorial District, and for one Representative to the General Court for the Seventh Worcester Representative District. The names of all said Candidates to be voted for upon one ballot; Also then and there to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to authorize the School Committee to establish temporarily evening schools in each village for the purpose of instructing minors unable to read and write, as requested by law. To raise and appropriate money therefor and act anything thereon.

Article 3. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow the following sums of money and give the notes of the town therefor payable from taxes of 1888, as raised and appropriated Oct. 17, 1887, by vote of the town, $3800 for Contingent Schools, $1000 for Highways, or act thereon.

Article 4. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to transfer from the account of unappropriated funds $198.89 to the credit of Edwards street extension $154.62 to the credit of Robert street, $150 to the credit of Sidewalks, or act anything thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to establish one additional Electric Light on Hamilton Street at the steps leading to the Depot, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act anything in reference to Electric Lights.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to pay A. W. Olds the sum of four hundred dollars in addition to the sum of $950.00 paid him for land damages and barn taken for the construction of Chapin Street.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to pay Lorenzo Morton $200.00 in addition to the award allowed by the Selectmen for the moving of his house on Benefit Street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to accept the Selectmen's Report filed with the Town Clerk, locating and laying out main Drains or Common Sewers in Central Village according to plans and specifications filed with the report and forming a part of the same.

Article 9. To see if the town will determine what part of the expense of constructing the sewers referred to in Article eighth (8) of this Warrant shall be paid by the town, or act thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for constructing the Sewers laid out, or act thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the completion of Crystal Street, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the Southbridge JOURNAL and the Southbridge *Herald* the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting, — or by posting up such attested copies in four conspicuous public places within the Town, at least nine days, including Sundays,— before the day of holding said meeting. The polls will be open at 9 o'clock, A. M., and close at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place hereinbefore named.

Given under our hands this 26th day of October A. D., 1887.

A. H. WHEELER,
W. D. MORSE,
GEO. L CLEMENCE,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy attest.
J. S. DRESSER, Constable of Southbridge.

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Harvest Concert.

The harvest concert at the Universalist church last Sunday evening was attended by an audience that filled every seat in the church and the chairs placed in the aisles. The pulpit platform was tastefully decorated with sheaves of grain, huge bouquets of autumn leaves and native grasses and combinations of fruit and flowers. The concert exercises were each and all given in a pleasing manner and received the close attention of the audience. The remarks of Mrs. Philena Start were especially good and instructive. The programme was as follows: Singing by the choir and school; scripture reading by the superintendent; reading of service by school; prayer; recitations by Bertha Clarke, Miss Barne's class, Harry Clarke, Mabel Morse, Gertie Morse, Blanche Winter, Gertie Moore, Mattie Plimpton, Emma Dresser, Minnie Davis, Josie Edmonds; readings by Marion Magwire, Edna Litchfield; remarks by Mrs. Start; benediction.

Installation.

The following named officers of Quinebaug Lodge F. and A. M. were duly installed by P. M., P. T. Litchfield last Tuesday evening in the presence of the lodge and invited members of their families: J. W. McKinstry, W. M.; William H. Howland, S. W.; Samuel S. Silva, J. W.; E. M. Phillips, Treas.; Harlan P. Tiffany, Sec.; Rev. Frank Magwire, Chap.; Azel Thompson, Mar.; George C. Winter, S. D.; Ira J. McKinstry, J. D.; John H. Warren, S. S.; Luther G. Shepard, Tyler; C. E. Wilson, J. S. After the close of the formal exercises of the evening J. M. Cochran in behalf of the lodge presented past-masters O. S. Brainerd and F. W. Rowley each an elegant past-master's jewel. Another pleasing feature of the evening was the reading of Miss S. E. W. Cochran who favored the audience with "Aunt Sophrona at the Uproar" and the "Organ Builder."

—At the Universalist church last Sunday Mrs. Philena Start president of the Universalist woman's missionary society preached at the morning service on "Missions."

SOUTHBRIDGE.

—Christmas, this year, comes on Sunday.

—Rev. F. Magwire preached in Beverly last Sunday.

—J. S. Gleason has had another arc light placed in his store.

—Frank Gauthier is recovering from a serious attack of pneumonia.

—Miss Flora B. Fuller, of Worcester, visited friends in town the present week.

—A. H. Wheeler attended the banquet of the Bay State Club in Boston last Saturday.

—The young people of the Union church propose having an oyster supper at an early date.

—Mrs. Benjamin Congdon of South Hadley Falls was the guest of relatives in town the past week.

—Miss Ella Chamberlain has gone to Franklin to work in the *Sentinel* composing room.

—W. S. Fitts has so far recovered from his recent sickness as to resume his work in Marble's market.

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—Miss S. E. W. Cochran of Pembroke, N. H., is the guest of her brother, J. M. Cochran, Esq.

—Superintendent and Mrs. Clarke attendeded the teacher's convention in Spencer, last week.

—Property taxes will be received at the collector's office until 5 p. m. Saturday and until 8 p. m. Monday Oct. 31.

—Mrs. Cyrus A. Powers and Mrs. C. Edgar Powers of Webster were the guests of relatives in town the past week.

—The Mud Turtle club went to Walker pond last Friday and partook of one of Mr. Sabin's famous game suppers.

—At the evening service at the Baptist church next Sunday the recently organized double male quartette will sing.

—J. S. Dresser has been operating for the manufacturers a Standard sewing machine at the Mechanics fair during the past week.

—The first delegate to the Y. M. C. A. convention to reach town was state secretary Armstrong, who arrived last night.

—Large flocks of crows are seen flying southward almost every day at present. The weather-wise say this portends cold weather.

—Miss Martha Plimpton, a former resident, but whose present home is in Charlestown, is visiting relatives and friends in town.

—In spite of the cold north-wester of last Saturday afternoon a large crowd were in attendance at P. M. Clarke's auction sale on Central street.

—Conductor James Shanley of the through Worcester train, is on a ten days trip to New York and Philodelphia. Conductor Gavitt is substituting for him.

—Rev. F. Magwire will deliver an address before a conference of the Universalist Union in Warren on the evening of Nov. 2. Subject: "The Dangerous Classes."

—Mrs. Susan Walcott of New Jersey, Mrs. L. Southwick of Uxbridge and Calvin Butler of Schenectady, N. Y., are the guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. F. Wheelock.

—The regular Y. W. C. T. U. prayer meeting will be held next Thursday at 4 p. m. All ladies invited. Business meeting at 5 p. m.

—Town meeting on election day will be held in Edwards opera house. How the lame, the halt and the blind will sigh for the new Town Hall as they climb "them stairs."

—The excursion train which left here last Monday for Boston and the Mechanics fair consisted of seven cars. The number of excursion tickets sold at the station was 157.

—H. A. Kimball, a former resident and merchant of Southbridge, has engaged with Denholm & McKay of Worcester as general manager of their cloak, shawl and suit department.

—Edwin Emery, a former principal of the Southbridge High school is expected in town tomorrow to remain during the convention. He will be the guest of G. C. Winter.

—Miss Maggie McGilpin has given up her dressmaking rooms in Union block and gone to her mother's home in Charlton. Dr. P. L. Creedon will occupy the rooms she has vacated, for an office.

—Illness prevented Rev. James Donahue from officiating at St. Mary's church last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Fauteux of West Farnham, Can., officiated in his place. Rev. Mr. Donahue's health has improved during the week.

—Harrison Wells, the father of Mrs. Warren Armes, had his right arm so badly crushed in Reed Cleveland's cider mill at Mashapaug last Saturday as to necessitate its amputation at the elbow. Drs. Paton and Creedon performed the operation.

—Moses Querry, the man arrested for breaking and entering the store of J. D. Blanchard in May last, pleaded guilty in the superior criminal court at Worcester last week and was sentenced to the House of Correction for two years and six months.

—P. M. Clarke has a force of eight men employed in painting the Lensdale factory. The ground work of the building will be painted an orange color with trimmings of seal brown.

—Louis Homer came home last Saturday evening from the Concord reformatory. He was discharged from the institution by order of the prison commissioners, after a confinement of fourteen months.

—Rev. W. J. Pomfret preached at the Methodist church last Sunday morning the first of a series of sermons on "The Future General Judgment." Text Hebrews x:17: "And their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

—The friends of Miss Nellie Walker, a former teacher in our public schools, and who has been ill for nearly two years with rheumatism, paid her a surprise visit, at her home on Lebanon hill, Tuesday evening. As a token of their regard and esteem Miss Walker's friends presented her with a valuable photograph album.

—The congregation at the Union church had the pleasure, last Sunday morning, of listening to a former pastor, Rev. M. L. Richardson of Sturbridge, who preached in exchange with Rev. S. Hayward. Mr. Richardson's subject was "The Elements of Faith," from the text "Have ye not yet faith,": Mark iv:40.

—Edwin Dillaber was taken to the Massachusetts General Hospital Tuesday, where he is to undergo a second amputation of his leg. In the first operation it was taken off at the knee. The wound instead of healing remained open so long that it began to mortify, thus rendering another amputation necessary. It is a sad affair. Mr. and Mrs. Dillaber have the sincere sympathy of the community.

—The public library has recently received for the museum, from Mrs. Daniel Whitford, a tray of curiosities collected by her son, Frank G. Whitford. Among them are arrow heads and pieces of flint from various towns in Massachusetts, also from some of the western states. An Indian axe, a stone mortar, pestle and a corn crusher found in the town of Holland, a pane of glass from one of the first houses built in Andover, and samples of paper currency used in the early days of our country, one as early as 1629.

—An audience that made up in enthusiasm what it lacked in size listened to the concert given in Edwards opera house last Friday evening by the Lilhatansu ladies quartette of Milford. The programme was given substantially as published last week and the entertainment proved to be one of the most enjoyable ever given in town. The audience manifested their appreciation of the finely rendered selections given by the quartette in frequent applause. Solos by Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Whitney were loudly encored. Madam Ricard's recitations and impersonations were excellent, the impersonation of Gen. Butler being simply perfect. Taken as a whole a more pleasing and satisfactory entertainment is seldom given here. If suitable arrangements can be made, the quartette will appear here again this season and will undoubtedly draw a large audience.

—Three conventions today.

—Town warrant in another column.

—D. D. Clemence has been in town the present week.

—M. Egan is repainting the residence of George K. Dresser.

—Don't forget to pay your taxes. Discount expires next Monday.

—Twenty-eight new names were added to the voting list Wednesday night.

—The Central Mills canal has received a thorough overhauling the present week.

—G. W. Wells has removed his pagoda from his former to his present residence.

—There will be another meeting of the Republican club in Dresser small hall next Tuesday evening.

—W. H. Eccleston and Lyman H. Sibley have been granted a patent for a cork nose guard for spectacles.

—James Roan, overseer of the weave room in the Hamilton Woolen Company's print works building is sick.

—W. T. Beane is acting as express messinger this week in place of Frank Foley who is temporarially disabled by a fall.

—Rev. Hugh Montgomery agent of the no license league, will lecture on temperance in the Methodist church, Thursday evening, Nov. 3. Organ voluntary before the lecture. Lecture at 7.45.

A Narrow Escape.

Daniel Goodreau, a young man employed in the spinning room in the Hamilton print-works building, had a narrow escape from a serious if not fatal accident, Tuesday. While adjusting the elevator belt, he got entangled in it and was drawn up and carried completely over the shafting, but by a miracle, as it were, he became untangled after the first revolution and dropped to the floor without receiving a particle of injury. The almost invariable result of such an occurrence is that the victim receives terrible injuries or is killed outright.

The New Town Hall.

A. P. Cutting, architect, of Worcester, has prepared plans for the new town hall building and they have been accepted. The plans are for a building to include a town hall, memorial hall and High school rooms. The structure will be of solid materials, the basement being of granite and the upper stories of brick with brownstone trimmings. The style of architecture employed suggests the mediæval treatment of the Romanesque in the south of France.

The following description of the building from the architect's plans is from the *Worcester Gazette:* The central features of the front are the double arched entrance, supported by clustered columns, and the large semi-circular window in the gable.

At the southwest corner is a round tower carried up two stories and terminating in a cone roof. The most imposing feature of the edifice is a majestic tower which rises to a height of 130 feet at the northwest corner. Its base is octagonal, changing to circular above the second story and terminating in a cone roof. The most unusual

feature is Architect Cutting's ingenious treatment of the clock gable and louvre boards which are so grouped as to immediately suggest an old-fashioned tall clock case.

At the north side of the building is a covered arched entrance, with balcony above, which leads to the Memorial hall of the building, while in the side gable is a rear entrance to the school on the first floor and to the town hall above. On the south side of the building is a separate entrance to the school for boys.

The main entrance leads to a vestibule 28x40 feet, on either side of which are broad stairways leading to the second story. On the left of the entrance is the town clerk's office, out of which is a vault for the safe keeping of the town records, and on the right is the office of the superintendent of schools. In the rear of the town clerk's office is the Memorial hall, 30x32 feet in size, with a semi-circular bay additional which will contain a large open fire-place. The hall will be finished in natural woods and will have a panelled ceiling and high wainscoting. The walls will bear memorial tablets and in the hall will be kept the battle-flags and historical relics. As has been said the hall has a special entrance at the north side of the building.

On the opposite side of the corriders are two rooms, one 14x15 and the other 15x31 which will be used for a reference library in connection with the schools. In the projection at the rear of this floor below the stage of the hall above, is a large school room. The remainder of the first floor is devoted to lecture rooms and laboratories.

The entire second story is devoted to a large and handsome hall with the exception of the four corners which are occupied by committee rooms and lavatories. The finish will be in natural woods and the ceiling will be timbered. The auditorium is 70x76 and the stage is 20x40.

Over the front vestibule is a gallery which will seat between 200 and 300 people. The total seating capacity of the floor will be about 1000. A charming feature of this spacious apartment is the large open fireplace which will be located in the semi circular bay that projects at the north side. The building will be complete in all its appointments and great care will be exercised in regard to ventilation. There will be open fire-places in the main hall, memorial hall and in the town clerk's and superintendent's offices, while the school room and remaining sections of the building will be cared for by two large ventilating chimneys at the rear of the structure.

—Dr. Everett M. Towne, a native of Southbridge, but now of Waterbury, Ct., is visiting in town.

—Deputy sheriff Jacobs searched J. W. Silk's saloon on Walcott street Wednesday and found a large quantity of liquors, which he seized.

—The Misses Taylor of "The Pines" have reconsidered their decision to remove to Brooklyn, N. Y., and will remain in Southbridge this winter.

Southbridge Base Ball Club.

The batting, fielding and base running records of tne local nine are as follows:

BATTING.

	No. of games.	At bat.	Runs.	Base hits.	Percentage.
Lovely,	8	39	19	22	.564
Kane,	26	120	42	57	.475
Healy,	22	81	24	31	.383
Dillaber,	26	103	39	37	.359
M. Murphy,	14	57	18	20	.351
Brennan,	26	126	48	38	.303
Edmunds,	26	115	39	34	.296
Bacon,	8	29	6	8	.276
Hall,	26	118	41	31	.263
T. Murphy,	23	92	28	23	.250

FIELDING.

	Put out.	Assists.	Errors.	Percentage.
Edmunds,	251	5	13	.952
Healy,	22	196	13	.899
Kane,	128	54	36	.835
Dillaber,	84	62	31	.824
Bacon,	7	8	5	.750
T. Murphy,	20	4	9	.727
Hall,	20	5	10	.714
Lovely,	12	12	11	.686
M. Murphy,	20	18	18	.679
Brennan,	14	61	36	.676

Kane had 44 passed balls. Healy made 13 wild pitches, hit the batter with ball 26 times and struck out 102 men.

BASE RUNNING.

	Times reached first base.	Stolen bases.	Percentage.
Hall,	40	34	.850
Brennan,	42	35	.831
Lovely,	27	18	.667
Edmunds,	50	28	.560
Bacon,	13	7	.538
M. Murphy,	32	16	.500
T. Murphy,	44	20	.455
Kane,	71	24	.338
Healy,	43	14	.326
Dillaber,	45	14	.311

Y.M. C. A. Convention.

PROGRAMME.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

3.00—Special Service.
Thanksgiving and praise for past blessings, H. J. Woods, of Newton.
Prayer for the manifestation of God's Spirit in the convention, S. B. Carter, of Newburyport.
3.30—Temporary Organization.
4.00—How can we derive the most benefit from the convention? Conducted by T. T. Hazlewood, of Haverhill.
4.30—Prayer service, conducted by Russell Sturgis, Jr., chairman of state committee.

EVENING.

7.15—Praise Service.
7.45—Permanent Organization.
8.00—Welcome exercises, in charge of Southbridge Association; remarks by F. O. Winslow, of Norwood.
8.30—Address: "The Bible a book for young men," Rev. Michael Burnham, of Springfield.

FRIDAY MORNING.

9.15—Reports from Associations.
11.00—Question drawer, (questions confined to matters suggested in reports) conducted by E. D. Ingersoll, of International Committee.
11.30—Methods of Bible study, Russell Sturgis, Jr.

AFTERNOON.

2.00—"The essentials of good business management," Hamilton S. Conant, of Providence.
2.45—Bible reading, George S. Avery, of Lowell.
3.15—Reports: State executive committee, state secretary, treasurer.
3.45—"The opportunities of the state organization," Walter C. Douglass, of Boston.
4.30—Address, "The railroad men of America, their claims upon us, and our work for them," E. D. Ingersoll.

PARLOR CONFERENCES.

In private residences, at 5 o'clock.

Pastors: "The pastor's relation to the Association," Rev. Geo. S. Chadbourne, of Cambridge.
College Students: "Old methods and new suggestions in college work," W. P. Taylor, of Fitchburg.
Business Men: "The claims of the Association upon business men," A. B. McCrillis, of Providence.
Discussion will follow the papers at Parlor Conferences.

EVENING.

7.15—Praise Service.
7.30—Conversation between H. M. Moore, of Boston, and E. D. Ingersoll, Secretary of International committee.
8.15—Address, "The Homeless Young man," Rev. Geo. S. Chadbourne.

SATURDAY MORNING.

9.15—Boys' Work; its importance; best methods, J. W. Cook, Armory Hill, Springfield, Mass.
10.00—Methods of conducting workers' training classes, J. T. Bowne, Supt. Y. M. C. A. department school for Christian workers.
10.30—Report on state committee's report.
10.45—College Work, conducted by F. K. Sanders, of Yale College.
11.30—Physical Culture, R. J. Roberts, of school for Christian workers.

AFTERNOON.

2.00—Prayer service, led by Geo. M. Stowell, of Boston.
2.15—The social department of our work, W. H. Smith, of Chelsea.
3.00—The intellectual department of our work, W. E. Lougee, of New Bedford.
3.45—Prayer service, led by F. Batchelder, of Everett.
4.00—Question drawer, conducted by R. H. Shelton.
4.30—Business.

PARLOR CONFERENCES.

In private residences, at 5 o'clock.

District Committees: How can we do most effective work? Geo. E. Sprong, of Pittsfield.
Association Committee-men: The benefit to be derived from having well-organized committees, L. W. Messer, of Cambridge.
Papers to be followed by discussion.

EVENING.

7.15—Praise Service.
7.30—The outlook for the coming year.
8.00—Responsive Exercise.
8.30—Association Buildings, illustrated, E. A. Lawrence, state secretary of Connecticut; followed by brief remarks, showing the advantages of having a building.

SUNDAY.

9.00 A. M.—Meeting for consecration.
10.30 A. M.—Addresses by delegates in various churches.
4.00 P. M.—Meeting for men; meeting for women; meeting for boys.
7.00 P. M. — Platform meetings in churches.
9.00 P. M.—Far well Service.

Dec. 1. 1887.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

With grief is fill'd life's cup,
Misfortunes on us frown,
When coal is going up
And snow is coming down.

—Almanacs and calendars for 1888 are in circulation.

—Fred L. Geer, now of Boston, was in town Thanksgiving day.

—Miss Emily Suprenant is now employed as clerk at C. H. Bigelow's.

—Mrs. W. H. Gates of Hadley is the guest of her father, James Brown.

—Mrs. Fred E. Newbury visited her sisters in Providence the past week.

—Joseph Udell of North Adams was the guest of relatives the past week.

—Ernest W. Winter was at home from his studies in New York last week.

—Abner Boston visited his family in South Berwick, Maine, the past week.

—Mrs. H. C. Ammidown of Boston was the guest of friends in town last week.

—Miss Belle G. White of East Thompson, visited friends in town the past week.

—W. P. Taylor of Fitchburg came home for Thanksgiving and remained until Monday.

—Edward Reynolds and Charles Truesdell have been in Brooklyn and New York city for a few days.

—Miss Maud Oldham of the state normal school at Framingham spent the Thanksgiving recess at home.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hill were in Winchendon Thanksgiving day, the guests of Mr. Hill's sister.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Blaine of Phœnixville, R. I., spent Thanksgiving day with his parents in Southbridge.

—Herman Cheney, at present a student in Phillip's Andover academy, was at home Thanksgiving day.

—The mother of Dr. Allen is visiting him and will remain until Christmas. Her home is in Woburn.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Strickland of Amherst were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Litchfield, last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheeler of Stafford, Ct., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wheeler on Thanksgiving day.

—Mrs. W. B. Morse spent Thanksgiving and the remaining days of the week with relatives in Worcester.

—Among the once familiar faces seen in town, last week, were those of W. A. H. Grant and George Marsh, both of Providence.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker and family of Worcester were the guests of Mrs. John Taunt, Mrs. Parker's mother, on Thanksgiving day.

—Attractive displays of Thanksgiving viands were made in the show windows of their stores by our grocers and marketmen last week.

—The next entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. Star course will be Ragan's lecture, "Ireland" illustrated, Tuesday evening, Dec. 13.

—James Taylor, secretary of the Milford Y. M. C. A., was in town last Thursday. He has fully recovered from his accident received by the bursting of a lamp

—Miss Cora Norris, of the telephone enchange, visited friends in Gilbertville the past week. During her absence, Henry Kilton, the messenger boy, had charge of the office.

—C. S. Ayres has purchased the upholstery business of J. M. Grant and added it to his furniture business. He has also engaged the services of Mr. Grant, who will have charge of the new department.

—Corporal Tanner, who lectures in the G. A. R. course Monday evening Dec. 19, is one of the most popular speakers in the country. He should and doubtless will have a large audience.

—The body of Mrs. Clementina Leonard, who died in Newark, N. J., was brought to Southbridge last Friday, and buried the same day from the residence of A. J. Bartholomew. Rev. Gorham Easterbrook officiated at the funeral. Mrs. Leonard was a native of Southbridge, and the daughter of the late Joseph Marcy, once a prominent citizen. She was 63 years of age.

—The glass blowers exhibition in Edwards opera house closed Saturday evening. Thursday evening Miss Lena Cahill was given the prize for being the best lady dancer and on Friday evening Frank Jackson secured the prize as the best gentleman dancer. The prize for the handsomest baby was awarded Saturday evening at 10 o'clock. It was given to the child receiving the highest number of votes. With each ticket of admission was given a gratuitous vote which the recipients cast for the baby of their choice. All extra votes were five cents each. As the time for closing the polls drew near, the contest became quite exciting and a considerable sum was invested in the little slips of paper. The result of the voting as announced by the tellers was as follows: Marion Cook, 203; Clara Bacon, 332; Gladys Thompson, 433; Albina Larivere, 598.

—Miss Carrie Ware is attending school at Northfield seminary.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bartlett are visiting friends in New York.

—Walter Wheeler of Fitchburg was a guest at the Pines last Sunday.

—The thermometer registered 6° above zero at 7 o'clock this morning.

—W. Wirth Brackett is teaching school in Charlton, district number ten.

—Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, have their annual supper tomorrow evening.

—M. J. Tully has been drawn as juryman to the next term of the superior civil court.

—The Wide Awakes will meet tomorrow at 3.30 o'clock p. m., in the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

—The average boy was not long in finding out that the skating was good this morning.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dresser are visiting relatives and friends in Brooklyn and New York.

—Lawrence Flynn is running the engine at the big mill during the absence of Mr. Bartlett.

—Mrs. B. L. Bailey and family of Danielsonville, Ct., are the guests of her father, S. Williams.

—Irwin J. Tourtellotte, a former resident but now of Putnam, visited friends in town last Saturday.

—E. B. Cummings is reported as being financially embarrassed, with liabilities of $6,000 or $7,000.

—The Southbridge Electric Company contemplate changing their present engine for one of a larger size.

—The Southbridge concert orchestra furnished music for the Universalist levee in Charlton last evening.

—George L. Clemence will attend the country meeting of the state board of agriculture in Springfield next week.

—Mr. and Mrs. David Barnes of Spencer were the guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. S. Dresser the past week.

—Miss Carrie Cheney was the accompanist at a concert given by her sister, Mrs. Wilber, in Foxboro Tuesday evening.

—C. H. Bigelow has been appointed by the grand council of the Home Circle district deputy for the Worcester district.

—J. W. Robinson has purchased a hot soda water apparatus. It is of a new design and is an article of beauty as well as usefulness.

—A fair and bazaar in aid of the Notre Dame church opens this evening in Edwards opera house and will continue until next week Saturday evening.

—Auctioneer Clarke will sell at public auction, next Saturday at 1 p. m., in front of his place of business on Central street, a lot of household goods and furniture.

—Rev. S. Hayward preached at the Union church last Sunday the first of a series of doctrinal sermons. His theme on the above occasion was the "Omniscience of God."

—M. J. Suprenant has commenced the laying of the foundation for the addition to his building on Central street. The superstructure will not be erected until spring.

—A large number of eels and some pickerel were caught by the boys in the big mill canal, which was drawn off to allow the cleaning of the racks on Thanksgiving day.

—Rev. M. L. Richardson of Sturbridge preached at the Methodist church last Sunday morning in exchange with W. J. Pomfret. Mr. Richardson's text was Luke x:25.

—Edwin P. Wells has gone to housekeeping in the house formerly occupied by Mrs. Joseph Sanders, who has rented the former residence of G. W. Wells on Dresser street.

—A represntative of the Smead and Northcott system of heating will give a public test of the furnace in the School street school house, Saturday, Dec. 10, at 10 a. m.

—While cleaning out the flume of the lower pond at Mashapaug last Tuesday, B. C. Stone and his men secured a large number of fish, consisting mainly of pickerel and perch.

—H. W. Bacon and Prevostus McKinstry were re-elected members of the board of trustees of the Worcester County Agricultural society at its annual meeting in Worcester, Tuesday.

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The Voting List.

The list of voters as posted by the registrars contains 874 names. Of this list the surnames of 103 voters commence with C. Those whose surname the letter M. serves as the initial come next on the list with 102 names. There are 90 B's, 51 D's and a like number of L's. There are 52 P's, 34 R's and 36 G's. Names beginning with H. are numerous on the list, there being 69 of them. Although there are but three U's there are 58 W's, and they beat the S's by one point. Our voting list has but one I, but if all who have the right of franchise should vote as he does, how peaceful, happy and prosperous a town Southbridge would be. Notwithstanding the fact that Southbridge has a strong organization of Y's there are only two Y's on the voting list.

Of the prominent family names the Morses head the list with 23 names. Thus they are, in themselves, nearly as numerous as the once famonus "forty cousins" who were such a factor in local politics in the past generation. There are 13 McKinstrys, the same number of Vintons. There are nine Chamberlains and eight Plimptons; eight Dressers and seven Clemences. There is an almost innumerable number of tribes that have six, five and four representatives on the list.

New Catholic Cemetery.

St. Mary's parish have purchased of G. A. Dresser several acres of land which they design for a new cemetery. The newly purchased land is on Mr. Dresser's farm in Sturbridge, and is a field lying just north of the clay pit on the road to Sturbridge and about one mile from St. Mary's church.

Insane and Came From Holden.

Last Sunday evening a man who gave his name as James Powers applied to Mr. Potter for permission to sleep in the lock-up during the night, which was granted him. Soon after leaving the lock-up Monday morning, he became violently insane and was locked up by Sheriff Jacobs. Later on in the day and when comparatively sane, he said he belonged in Holden. He further stated that he had been in the asylum for the insane at Worcester. Sheriff Jacobs telegraphed a description of the man to the Holden authorities who replied that the man belonged there and that his real name was James Crane. Tuesday Mr. Jacobs took the unfortunate man to Worcester where he was met by a Holden officer who took him in charge.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

When twittering swallows leave the eaves,
And songsters leave the rural groves,
And harvested are all the sheaves,
Put up the stove.

—Miss Stella Williamson of Worcester is the guest of Mrs. Edgar M. Phillips.

—The Southbridge Electric company have in use a newly painted patrol wagon.

—Haven D. Brackett who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia, is recovering.

—Alexander Searles left town today for a visit to Sidney, N. Y., where he has relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. B. E. Chipman and son Frank visited friends in Spencer this week.

—L. H. Bradley is at his home in Putnam, sick with a threatened attack of typhoid fever.

Elijah A. Morse on Temperance.

The temperance lecture given by Hon. Elijah A. Morse of Canton, under the auspices of the Y. W. C. T. U., in Dresser opera house last Sunday evening, was a thorough success. As the speaker stepped upon the platform he found awaiting his appearance an audience of nearly 500 people. Charles Hyde presided, and the choir of the Methodist church preceded the speaking by singing a temperance hymn.

Mr. Morse in his opening words repeated those perhaps too often stated statistics that 60,000 deaths are caused annually in this country by intemperance, and that 500 murders and the same number of suicides can be directly charged to its baneful influence. But the speaker soon left these threadbare statistics and the remainder of his lecture was made up of new phases of this vital question. In the course of his lecture he spoke of the great good which the Y. W. C. T. U. has done since its organization. The speaker incidentally remarked that Rev. Dr. Miner had done more to injure the temperance cause than any other 100 men in the state by his unjust attacks on other temperance workers, who thought they could accomplish more by other than his methods of work. Dr. Howard Crosby was also severely criticised for publicly stating that the bible sanctioned moderate drinking and for advising people to take a "calm view" of temperance. "This calm view," the speaker continued, "is generally taken by the drunkard when it is too late to repair his wasted life." At the close of the lecture a collection was taken which amounted to more than enough to pay for the hall. The singing of a hymn by the choir and the benediction by Rev. W. J. Pomfret closed the meeting.

—Mrs. John Tatterson returned from her tour in the White mountains last Thursday evening.

—School superintendent Johnson of Spencer was the guest of superintendent Clarke, the past week.

—Madame Ricard and the Lilhatansu quartette at Edwards opera house tomorrow evening.

—The Central Mills pond was drawn off last Saturday in order that repairs might be made on the dam.

—If you are entitled to a vote at the next coming election, see to it that your name is on the voting list.

—The executive committee of the Republican club of Southbridge have organized with G. W. Corey as chairman.

—A missionary representing the Prohibitory state central committee was in town yesterday working in the interest (?) of prohibition.

—The Eaton family association will hold its fourth anniversary at Tremont Temple, Boston, next Thursday. Several will attend from Southbridge.

—Frank Kelly, a son of the late Patrick Kelly, and a recent graduate of a business college in Boston, is now living in Minneapolis, Minn.

—Miss Carrie Cheney will assist at a concert to be given in Foxboro next Monday and Tuesday evenings by her sister, Mrs. F. A. Wilbur, and pupils.

—At the Methodist church, last Sunday morning, Rev. W. S. Jagger of Upton, agent of the Church Aid Society, preached the sermon.

—The Hamilton Woolen Company's and the Central Mills Company's mills started today on the old time table. Saturday half-holiday is off.

—C. A. Dresser and C. D. Paige attended the inaugural banquet of the Home Market Club at the Hotel Vendome, Boston, last evening.

—The Democrats of the seventh Worcester representative district will hold their convention at the C. A. Dresser house next Thursday at 2 p. m.

—Ephraim Wright, who has recently undergone a critical surgical operation at the Massachusetts General Hospital, is gradually recovering.

—Mrs. Orra Parker, Miss Annie Webster and Fordyce Parker, all of Springfield, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E, Parker the present week.

—The state railroad commissioners were in town last Friday, on a tour of inspection. They came on a special train and staid about fifteen minutes.

—Auctioneer Clarke will sell at public auction next Saturday at 1 p. m., in front of his place of business on Central street, a large lot of household goods, furniture, etc.

—Grandma's Courtship, an original conception by Madame Ricard is an especially pleasing selection in the program to be given at Edwards opera house tomorrow evening.

—At the Union church last Sunday morning the pastor's subject was the "Omnipresence of God," from the text "The fulness of him that filleth all in all:" Ephesians i:23.

—Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Curtis are taking a carriage journey through Hampden county. Tuesday evening, while in Springfield, he had the pleasure of shaking hands with Gov. Ames and Lieut. Gov. Brackett at their reception in that city.

—The flower committee of the Y. W. C. T. U. are requested to meet at the Y. M. C. A. rooms next Wednesday afternoon. All contributions of flowers for the convention and help to arrange them will be gratefully received.

—The C. L. S. C. will meet with Miss Etta Chamberlain, Oct. 25 at 7.30 p. m. Members are requested to come prepared to answer roll call with some of the principal dates and events taken from Hale's American History.

—W. C. Cady has a pullet of the Langshan breed that when four months and three weeks old commenced laying, and in the next succeeding forty days laid thirty-nine eggs. Surely a fine record for a new beginner.

—George Ryder, some forty-five years ago a resident of Southbridge, but who since leaving here has resided in Washington, D. C., where until recently he has been engaged in bridge building, is visiting his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Plimpton.

—With C. D. Paige defeated in the senatorial convention at Worcester and John A. McKinstry and H. T. Hyde at the agricultural meeting at Sturbridge last Thursday, the day proved a bitter cold one for Southbridge candidates for office.

—The Hamilton Woolen Company is constructing a wooden building, under the supervision of foreman Simpson, in that portion of the printworks yard lying on the West street side of the river, 50x20 feet, one story high and which will be used for the making of liquors.

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The Senatorial Nomination.

To the Editor of the SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL.

Dear Sir:—In the last issue of the JOURNAL, reference was made to the nomination of a candidate for senator in this district, and many regrets were expressed that the nomination did not fall to a citizen of this town. While we have a local pride in our own candidate, still the party could not have made a wiser or more judicious choice than in the selection of Hon. George P. Ladd of Spencer. A personal acquaintance of many years' standing, justifies me in saying that Mr. Ladd is possessed of every qualification requisite to the filling of the position. First, he is an old soldier, having served with distinction on many bloody fields, twice having his horse killed, the animal once falling upon his rider in such a way as to dislocate joints and otherwise seriously injure him, from the effects of which he has never fully recovered. For his faithfulness he received promotion and attained the rank of major in the regular army. After the war he was assigned to special duty as inspector of Indian agencies, thereby unearthing many illegal practices and causing the removal of many dishonest agents. Major Ladd is a member of F. A. Stearns post, G. A. R., of Spencer. Preferring civil life to that of a soldier, Mr. Ladd resigned his position and returned to Massachusetts where he engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods, and I having been in his employ for over three years, can testify to his integrity and ability as a business man and citizen. During the labor troubles which existed in Spencer last spring he voluntarily advanced the wages of his employes, some 200 in number, ten per cent, thereby not only securing the hearty appreciation of his own help, but that of the striking knights and citizens in general.

Mr. Ladd has already seen service in the legislature, having served in the lower house, where his votes on the temperance question were always on the right side. These qualifications I deem to be sufficient to commend him alike to citizen and soldier.

THOMAS W. STEVENSON,

Globe Village, Oct. 18, 1887.

C. L. S. C. Organized.

A local branch of the C. L. S. C. was formed last Friday evening at the residence of Miss Nellie M. Vinton, with the following named as its officers: Miss May French, president; Miss Lizzie Belcher, vice-president; Miss Etta Chamberlain, secretary.

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—Isaac S. Pratt has been granted a pension.

—Miss Mary Fyfe is sojourning in New Bedford for a few days.

—James F. Parker's health is about the same as reported last week.

—Miss Jessie Paton is visiting her sister, Mrs. Winward in Fall River.

—Mrs. Fred H. Adams is visiting at her father's home in Woonsocket, R. I.

—The exterior wood work of Alden's block is receiving a fresh coat of paint.

—W. R. Paton has been in Worcester this week in the discharge of his duties as grand juror.

—The Universalist Sunday school will hold a harvest concert next Sunday evening at 6:30 p. m.

—The Southbridge Wide Awakes will meet Friday afternoon at 3.45 in the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

—Mrs. Eliza Bartlett is the guest of relatives in town. She spent the past summer in New Jersey.

—Miss M. N. Putney has gone to Providence to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. T. Briggs.

—Rev. J. Danielson will preach on "Associated Effort" at the Congregational church next Sunday morning.

—Miss Nellie P. Hartwell returned home last Friday from her western trip. She visited the Chicago exposition while away.

TOWN MEETING.

Additional Electric Lights.—The Town Votes to Purchase Land.—Other Appropriations.

The attendance at Monday's town meeting was large enough to comfortably fill the auditorium of Dresser Opera house. J. M. Cochran was chosen moderator.

Article 2, which dealt with the sewer question provoked a long discussion. W. C. Barnes, a member of the special committee on sewerage, spoke in favor of the plan reported by the committee, it being the same as recently printed in the JOURNAL. G. W. Wells stated that the building of the sewer as proposed by the committee would result in an injury to the American Optical Company, and speaking for the company he said they would bring a suit for damages against the town if it was decided to construct the sewer as recommended. A. J. Bartholomew said he favored the building of a sewer, but he thought the committee's plan of diverting the brook from its natural channel unwise. He thought the committee had not taken sufficient consideration of the fact that the abuttors along the line of the proposed sewer would be entitled to land damage. He believed it the duty of the town to build its sewers on its own land, and thus escape all claims for land damage. Rev. S. Hayward spoke in favor of the acceptance of the committee's plan. Mr. Barnes said that only two of the abuttors would claim damages. The discussion was further continued by N. E. Putney, S. Dresser, Dr. G. G. Bulfinch, G. W. Wells and Mr. Bartholomew. When the previous question was put by the moderator it was lost by a decisive vote.

Article 3. Not acted upon.

Article 4. Not acted upon.

Article 5. Referred back to the selectmen with instructions to report at a future meeting.

Article 6. On motion of Rev. S. Hayward the sum of $3,800 was raised and appropriated for the account of contingent schools.

Article 7. Adopted without a dissenting vote.

Article 8. On motion of W. D. Morse, the sum of $1,000 was raised for the repair of highways.

Article 9. Voted.

Article 10. Under this article, on motion of A. H. Wheeler, it was voted to establish three additional electric lights, as follows: One near the iron bridge, one on Chapin street and one in front of the French Catholic church.

Article 11. Under this article it was voted, first, to purchase of C. A. Paige a certain lot of land adjoining the Town House lot; second, that the town purchase of the owners of the Congregational parsonage a certain tract of land at the same rate as given C. A. Paige, after deducting the value of the buildings; third, to raise and appropriate $2,000 to pay for the purchase of additional land, and that the treasurer be authorized to borrow said sum to be paid from taxes of 1887. Adjourned.

—Go and see Madame Ricard in her famous impersonation of Ben. Butler at Edwards opera house tomorrow evening.

—Mrs. Philena Start, president of the Universalist woman's missionary society, will preach at the Universalist church next Sunday morning.

—The appearance of Hon. Elijah A. Morse in town the past week recalls to the minds of some of our older merchants the fact that thirty years ago he peddled the "Rising Sun" from store to store in town.

—G. H. Wade, the Thomson-Houston electrician in charge of the Southbridge Electric Company's plant, expects soon to leave Southbridge. C. M. Chamberlain will be Mr. Wade's successor.

—Rev. Joseph Danielson and Rev. Gorham Easterbrook preached in exchange last Sunday morning. The former's subject was "The Equipments for Christian Service," II Timothy iii:17; while Mr. Easterbrook's theme was "Essential Elements of Christian Service," John v:35.

—The Lilhatansu quartette gave universal satisfaction here in their concert. In the judgment of those who heard both, they went ahead of the ladies' quartette from Boston who sang at the Millis town celebration.—*Medway Gazette.*

—Fred Hefner, for many years employed by the American Optical Company, has left their employ and taken a clerkship in T. Mullen & Co's. meat market. Although new business to Mr. Hefner we bespeak for him a success in his new field, as he has all the requisite qualifications for a good salesman.

—The history of the 22d Massachusetts regiment, recently published, contains a portrait of Daniel Walker, a member of the regiment from this town. He was also a member of the historical committee under whose supervision the history was compiled. Mr. Walker's present home is in Lowell.

—The selectmen have purchased and received a deed of the land which the town voted to buy of C. A. Paige. The tract of land belonging to the owners of the Congregational parsonage has not as yet been deeded to the town, as the Congregational church own one share of it, and the society will have to delegate some one to act for it in the sale.

—The N. Y. & N. E. railroad managers will run an excursion train to Boston and the Mechanics fair next Monday. Round trip tickets, including admission to the fair, and good on regular trains Oct. 24 and 25, and on train leaving Boston at 6:30 p. m. Monday, which will connect at East Thompson with special for Southbridge, will be sold for $1.50. The sale of tickets is limited to 300.

—Southbridge furnished quite a number of candidates at the Democratic county and senatorial conventions at Worcester, Tuesday. Charles Haggerty was the secretary of both conventions, and in the making up of the county committee he was made a member of it. S. K. Edwards was nominated for county commissioner. At the senatoral convention A. H. Wheeler was re-elected as a member of the Democratic state central committee.

—The Y. P. Union of the Methodist church met Tuesday evening at the residence of Frank C. Litchfield. A good number were present. The exercises opened by singing and prayer after a few items of business were transacted. The committee of arrangments, introduced Mr. Litchfield, who gave a very interesting and profitable address, describing a few of the many places of interest he visited in the old city of London. A very fine piano duet was given by Misses Clark and Williams, a vocal solo by Miss Della Smith and a piano solo by Miss Clark.

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—Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Monroe have returned from their sojourn at Falmouth Heights.

—Mrs. Henry Whittaker and daughter, Ella, are visiting friends in Lowell and Lawrence.

—Miss Nellie Blackmer of Dudley spent a few days with her cousin, Rosa Letcher, this week.

—Mrs. W. C. Hargraves has returned from her extended visit to Manchester and Salisbury beach.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Kelly left town Tuesday morning for their new home, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

—B. W. Paton is eating clams and telling stories at the shore resorts of Narragansett Bay this week.

—Miss Maud Oldham returns to her studies at the Normal school in Framingham next Thursday.

—E. B. Hyde, clerk in G. H. Hartwell's drug store, is quite sick at his rooms in the the C. A. Dresser House.

—H. W. Babson, once a well known resident of Southbridge but at present living in Fitchburg, visited here Wednesday.

—H. E. Wells returned to Boston, Monday, to enter upon his duties as teacher at Bryant & Stratton's business college.

—Oliver J. Barrett, twenty-four years ago a resident of Southbridge, visited his daughter, Mrs. B. C. Stone, the past week.

—Miss Carrie Stone has returned from her visit to Kennebunkport, Me., and will sing with the Congregational church choir next Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Wells of Somerville are visiting Mr. Well's parents, Mr, and Mrs. Hiram C. Wells. They made the trip from Somerville by carriage.

—J. D. Blanchard, P. N. LeClair, C. Begin, F. Gateneau, A Marceau, J. Adams, J. L. Brisesst and C. Giar constituted a party that attended the French convention at Putnam, Tuesday evening.

—William Beecher, the founder of the optical business in Southbridge, is, as has been his custom for many years, passing the summer here. He is 82 years old, but, save for the whiteness of his hair and beard, would readily pass as being a full decade younger.

Band Concert.

The last out door concert but one of the season will be given from the Town Hall lawn next Tuesday eve. at 7.30 o'clock. Following is the program:

1. March, "Passing Regiment" - Ramsdell
2. Schottische, - - - - - - Ross
3. Polka, Little Blue Cap" - - Bennett
   solo by Mr. Dresser.
4. "Ten minutes with the Minstrels" Bowron
5. Serenade, "Eventide" - - - Ripley
6. Waltz, "Flowers of St. Petersburg" Resch
7. Polka "American Beauties" - Ramsdell
   solo by Mr. Faron.
8. Selection, "Airs Canadiens" - Vezina
6. Galop "Carousal" - - - Collins

Y. W. C. T. U.

Contributed.

The individual gathers new energy after a period of rest. So, as the Y's are a collective body of individuals, they expect to renew their work with an interest not abated but increased. A consecration meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 4 p. m., in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. This is the first meeting of the season and a large attendance is especially desired.

Last Friday's Fire.

Sparks from a burning chimney set fire to the roof of L. Morton's block on "the flat" last Friday. An alarm was given at 12 minutes before 6 p. m. from the Central street engine house, but before the steamer or hook and ladder truck reached the scene of the fire it had been put out by the bucket brigade. Damage slight.

Accident at the Spec Shop.

George Cook, employed in the American Optical Company's works, was badly cut about the face yesterday morning by the bursting of an emery wheel which he was running at a speed of 128 revolutions per minute. It is said that the bursting was due to imperfect construction.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Contributed.

Next Monday evening at 8 o'clock will be held the annual business meeting of the association. It is desirable that there be a full attendance of the active members. After the annual election of officers the remainder of the time will be given to the usual men's meeting. Topic: "Christian Athletes—Good Fighting," Joshua vi:1-5, 11-20; Heb. xi:30; I Tim. vi:12.

Two members of the New Haven, Conn., Y. M. C. A., were present at last Monday nights' meeting. One was general secretary McIntosh, a former member of this association.

State secretary Lawrence of Connecticut, will give the anniversary address at the celebration on Sunday evening, Sept. 11. The various committee through their chairman will give reports of the years' work.

The High School and Town Hall Building.

To the Editor of the SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL.

In the onward course of events, progressive municipal unrest characterizes the present era as the busiest one in the history of the American people. Private and corporate energy alike course the veins of persons and civic advancement. Scarcely a city or hamlet escapes this tidal wave of progressive utility and adornment. This condition of affairs already establishes the fact of a higher aim in life, hence a better citizenship, and undoubtedly in a divine instrumentality toward the unfolding of a perfect ideal. Our beautiful village is infused with this inspirating desire, and never were more important issues presented for public consideration. In our haste to accomplish much we should regard the character of our work, for we are building for the future; correctly speaking there is no present. The old adage "Kill two birds with one stone" can never wisely be applied to the union of two buildings whose uses are so totally different as to make the combination a bad one. One structure including the High school and Town Hall is seriously objectionable, and a little calm reflection will reveal the fact that such occupancy would not prove to be a congenial household. Whenever and wherever Southbridge builds a High school building, it should be a distinct and separate building for school uses only, and a worthy exponent of the town's educational interests. Such a building standing alone would be a silent influence for good, an uplifting force, and should not be lost in the mongrel architecture of dull purposes. Looking at the practical needs of the town, no one will hesitate in saying that greater necessity exists for a High school building than a new Town Hall; if this be so, then acting wisely, the High school building should be built first, and in simple justice to Globe Village which furnishes over sixty per cent of the High school scholars, and pays more than fifty per cent of the taxes, it should be centrally located. Can Southbridge afford to deny her an equitable right? Today in all her material interests Southbridge stands as a model American village, upon an equitable adjustment of ratios, what per cent of invested capital and honest endeavor has Globe Village contribuIed to this result? It is common knowledge at home and abroad that she has been the very anvil upon which Southbridge's prosperity has been forged; thus her citizens have an indisputable right to demand equal recognition in the affairs that touch her educational interests. We should all delight in a new Town Hall; when one is built it should include a memorial hall and rooms suitable for the Grand Army uses; these uses would not conflict, and the combination would not be objectionable. This structure could be as ornate in design as the patriotism of the town desired. Does not the town owe this tardy recognition to the soldiers? There was a time when she plead for brave hands to defend the old flag; in response, young men came from every walk in life, and hurried on to a soldier's fate; for whom? for you and for me. We were earnest then, martial music thrilled us, and our God speed blended with our promises. Our tears were then thought to be too sacred to serve in after years as hollow mockery of a broken pledge. In what better way can Southbridge do simple justice to the memory of her soldiers than couple with her enduring Town Hall such practical memories as shall be a fitting recognition of her indebtedness to him who stands peerless in the history of out common country? Again, we find an insurmountable obstacle in the path of the town to carry out a recent vote, the same being illegal and so declared by emenent counsel. The town cannot afford to step into legal complication; there is no excuse for the town in rushing into difficulty after the danger signal has been given; consequential damages might seek individual property. It is not safe to do an illegal act even if a town be the blushing Eve that tempts. In view of these considerations we cordially submit that it is the plain duty of every voter to make a special and patriotic effort to attend the town meeting in the Dresser Opera House on Saturday the 3d day of September, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and vote to rescind all action of the town heretofore taken to combine a High school building and Town Hall upon the Town House lot.

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Y. M. C. A. STAR COURSE.

Fifth Season—Unrivalled Musical Organizations—Celebrated Lecturers—Distinguished Vocal and Instrumental Soloists—All to be Included in Six Superb Entertainments.

November 15th the course will open with a grand concert and reading. The artists are: Mr. Leopold Lichtenberg, violin virtuoso; Miss Elene Buffington Kehew, soprano; Miss Hattie J. Clapper, contralto; Mr. Leon Keach, accompanist; Miss Carrie E. Hale, reader.

Mr. Lichtenberg is the violinist who played here last season, and proved *the* star of the course. It would be difficult to say too much in praise of this young artist, who today is rated in the foremost rank of great violinists.

Miss Kehew, one of the most promising vocalists in the country, has a voice of remarkable power and richness. She gained high honors at the Worcester festival (1885)

and will prove a great accession to this year's course.

Miss Clapper is the solo contralto of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, New York city, and has become, within the last four years, one of the most popular contraltos in America. She has a rich, full voice of good volume and at the Worcester festival two years ago was pronounced a worthy successor to the famous contralto, Annie Louise Cary. She also sings in the festival this fall.

Mr. Keach is the accomplished accompanist who already has an established reputation in Southbridge.

Miss Hale is an elocutionist of rare ability. Her manner is bright and captivating, and her selections are always well chosen and not lacking in humor and pathos. She is a favorite with the coldest of audiences.

November 29th, lecture by Prof. F. A. Ober. Subject: "Picturesque Mexico." Prof. Ober is widely known as an author and traveller. His 'Mexico" is a most fascinating and instructive lecture and opens up a subject that the majority of people know very little about. It will be illustrated with 100 beautiful dissolving views, 50 of which are colored.

December 13, H. H. Ragan of New York will give an illustrated lecture on "Ireland." This is a popular theme, and there is no one better qualified to speak on it than Mr. Ragan. He has no superior in his line, and whoever hears him will be charmed, delighted and instructed by his illuminated tours. We quote these words of Rev. J. H. V ncent, D. D.: "For brilliancy of illustration, for elegance of diction, for charming style of delivery, and for fulness of illustration, Mr. Ragan's lectures are unsurpassed."

January 17, grand concert by the Cecilia Oratorio Quartette, consisting of Miss Gertrude Franklin, soprano; Miss Gertrude Edmands, contralto; George J. Parker, tenor; I. E. Morawski, basso; assisted by Herr Fritz Giese, violoncelloist; Leon Keach, accompanist.

Miss Franklin has a charming voice of unusual compass, power and sweetness, under a high degree of cultivation, and is Boston's greatest soprano.

Miss Edmands is already so well and favorably known to Southbridge audiences that no words here are needed.

Mr. Parker is one of the most finished tenors in New England, and his appearance in Southbridge is cause for congratulation. He has studied under the most celebrated European masters, and since returning to this country, has sustained the tenor role in "master-pieces" rendered at the great musical festivals in our large cities.

Mr. Morawski is the basso who sang here last season under most unfavorable circumstances, he being too ill to do himself justice. He now voluntarily makes a concession in his terms that he may make amends for his partial failure last season, and establish a reputation which he elsewhere enjoys.

Herr Giese, when but nine years of age, played in public, travelling extensively as a prodigy. The best musical critics claim that he has no equal in any part of the world. He is soloist in the celebrated Boston Symphony Orchestra and is engaged for the Worcester festival.

January 31, Jahu DeWitt Miller of Philadelphia will lecture on "Love, Courtship and Marriage." The lecturer is beyond question one of the brightest, easiest, and most entertaining speakers that the platform has today. His treatment of the above subject is both chaste, impressive and interesting, and it has received a hearty endorsement wherever given. He has been for successive seasons a most welcome lecturer at the noted Chautauqua assemblies at Chautauqua, N. Y., where he lectured this year.

February 28, the course will close with a grand orchestral concert by Reeves full orchestra of Providence, assisted by Miss Anna Clifford, soprano, of Boston. This famous orchestra is composed of eighteen musicians conducted by D. W. Reeves, who has a national reputation as a band master. The soloists are Mr. Church, cornetist, and Mr. Padley piccolo and flute. Mr. Reeves writes that "the programme will be made classical enough to suit the critics and popular enough to please the audience."

Miss Clifford has a soprano voice of the finest quality. In the upper register her tones are flute like, while her lower notes are full and perfect. She has won an enviable reputation during her recent tours throughout the country with the Listemann Concert Orchestra.

The above will undoubtedly form the most satisfactory series of entertainments ever offered the people of Southbridge and vicinity. As heretofore, the object of the course is not for pecuniary profit, but to furnish instruction and entertainment to the association members and to others who may attend. All Y. M. C. A. members will have free admission.

Sept 9 1887.

SETTLED.

Last Saturday's Town Meeting.—The Voters Refuse to Rescind the Action of August 13, by a Vote of 233 to 36. —Large Attendance.

Soon after the hour of noon last Saturday the townspeople began to congregate on the street in front of Dresser Opera House, the designated place for holding the town meeting. They divided themselves into groups and discussed the merits and demerits of the one question of the day until the near approach of the hour of two when they adjourned their little impromptu meetings to take up the business of the people's meeting in the hall. When at 2 o'clock Clerk Phillips read the warrant calling the meeting every seat on the floor of the house was occupied and the space near the main entrance was taken by people unable to get seats. A ballot for moderator resulted in the election of J. M. Cochran. After the reading of Article 2 of the warrant by the moderator, several persons sprang to their feet, but W. C. Callahan was the nearest to the moderator and was recognized by him. Mr. Callahan moved the indefinite postponement of the article and his motion was freely seconded. A. J. Bartholomew in discussing the above motion deprecated its adoption. He said it was no more than right and proper that the question should be discussed in its every phase and he hoped the mover would withdraw the motion. S. K. Edwards and Rev. J. Danielson in the interest of a full and free airing of the subject spoke against the motion. Mr. Callahan withdrew his motion. P. M. Clarke moved that all persons who should take part in the discussion be limited to five minutes time. "Second the motion," was heard in all parts of the hall. Mr. Bartholomew and others spoke against the adoption of this motion, whereupon some one moved an amendment to Mr. Clarke's motion that the time be made ten instead of five minutes. The motion as amended was then put and almost unanimously carried. Mr. Bartholomew then offered a vote or rather a series of votes which were preceded by two preambles. The substance of these was to delay action of the town regarding the Town Hall and High school building until a committee consisting of citizens mentioned in the series of votes could further investigate the subject and report at a future town meeting. After he had read the above Mr. Bartholomew commenced his ten minutes speech by saying he was not ignorant of the remarks of a personal stamp which had been made against him in connection with this matter of a new public building, "But," he said, "I consider the present topic of too much moment to spend any time in resenting them." Continuing he retraced the story of the present movement for a High school building. He said the action of the August 13th meeting was unwise and premature and that the chairman of the building committee had publicly stated that he had no idea that $30,000 would pay for the proposed new building. In an instant Sylvester Dresser, the chairman, sprang to his feet and indignantly denied the statement. Mr. Bartholomew, attempting to proceed, was interrupted by cries of "time," "time," "time," from various parts of the hall, but the moderator decided that he had a couple of minutes more. Proceeding he reiterated his charges against the chairman of the committee, at the close of which his two minutes were up and the audience drowned his voice by yelling "time." Mr. Haggerty moved that Mr. Bartholomew be granted five minutes more time, and it was so voted. Again speaking he denied for himself and friends all personal interest in the matter and said he would not sell the Marcy street site for a High school building lot. He paid his respects to the JOURNAL by saying that the man who wrote "It seems to be generally understood that a rescinding of all action taken in the matter of a new building, means simply a postponement until the Marcy street lot can be brought forward again," didn't know what he was talking about. The moderator called time and the audience shouted "question" "question." When next the audience became quieted, Sylvester Dresser addressed the meeting and in a calm and dispassionate manner, replied to the accusations of Mr. Bartholomew. At the close of Mr. Dresser's remarks, the audience again broke forth in cries of "question," "question," "question," but the moderator recognized Selectman Wheeler, who when the audience became quieted said in substance that there was not nor had there been any collusion whatever between himself and Mr. Bartholomew. He reminded his hearers that he had from the first advocated the construction of a combined High and grammar school house as the wisest and most economical plan, and he still adhered to this plan rather than a Town Hall and High school combined. When Mr. Wheeler sat down the audience again took up the cry of "question" and a perfect tumult ensued. Rev. S. Hayward asked the moderator the privilege of a personal explanation which was granted him. After Mr. Hayward had given his own views and stated his own motives, he made a violent attack on the motives of his opponents. Mr. Hayward's remarks closed the speaking of the day. The moderator put the question, the voting upon it being done by the voters passing between tellers. Those in favor of rescinding passed along first. There were not enough of them to make any perceptible diminution of the audience; so when the nay votes were called for, the assembly arose as one man. Many on reaching the entrance passed on and out not stopping to vote. Had all opposed to rescinding voted the total vote against it would undoubtedly have reached 300; as it was 233 said no, while only 36 said yes. Immediately after the announcement of the vote the meeting was dissolved, and thus closed a meeting fraught with significance to the town and one which was, considering the importance of the subject before it, of singular unanimity.

Sept. 19. 1887.

—A. H. Wheeler, who has served continuously for fifteen years on the Democratic town committee, was re-elected at the caucus Wednesday evening, but declined to serve.

—Herbert W. Dodge, seven years ago a clerk for J. J. Oakes, but for the past three years assistant station agent at Raton, N. M., visited friends in town the past week.

—Chestnuts, we mean the genuine article, of which there is a big crop this year, are ripening very rapidly, and unless Jack Frost pays them a visit soon they will burst their burrs without his aid.

—The Hamilton Woolen company has removed its stock of wool from Amesbury to Southbridge and closed its mills at the former place. So says the *Journal of Commerce.*

—E. H. Bradley, local agent for the East St. Louis Beef company, is sick at his home in Putnam. Mr. Banister of that town has charge of the company's business during Mr. Bradley's illness.

—At the Central street auction sale last Friday, a large number were in attendance, and the bidding on the various articles was lively. Auctioneer Clarke performed his duties in a very creditable manner.

—George L. Hibbard, a former member of the Southbridge High school, is at present a student in Madison University, Hamilton, N. Y. It is his intention to enter the ministry.

—Miss Mabel Chapin returned from her summer's tour of Europe on the steamer, Brilannic last Friday evening. While away she visited England, France, Holland, Germany and Switzerland.

—Rev. J. M. Avann, a former pastor of the Methodist church, but at present stationed in Waltham, was in town last week, on which occassion he officiated at the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. George Tumey's child.

—Miss E. P. Burton, formerly telegraph operator at the New York & New England station, came up from her home in Danielsonville, Conn., last Saturday, and for a few days sold tickets at the station while State Agent McKinstry was absent on a vacation.

—"Si. Perkins" drew a good sized audience at Dresser opera house Monday evening. The play bears some resemblance to Denman Thompson's "Josh Whitcomb," as regards the principal character, but is not of quite so high an order of merit as Mr. Thompson's characterization.

—Henry A Fechter, a resident of Southbridge 27 years ago, visited here last week for the first time since his removal from town. His appearance here was a great surprise to his former acquaintances, as many of them had well nigh forgot'en him. Mr. Fechter is an adept in music, and is well known in musical circles. When a mere boy, while living in Southbridge, he made a hand organ on which could be played two tunes. It was the acme of wonders to the small boy of that time.

—Something was the matter with the Globe circuit Tuesday evening, and it was 8 o'clock before the lights were lit.

—A rousing Republican rally with two or three able speakers would be a good thing for the new Republican club to be thinking about just now.

Oct. 13. 1887.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

—B. A. Leonard has returned from his Dakota trip.

—Linus B. Coit of Norwich, Ct., was the guest of his friend, H. P. Colburn, the past week.

—Miss Lizzie Alden has taken the position of book-keeper in W. E. Alden & Co's store.

—Charles Morse succeeded in moving G. W. Well's greenhouse without the breaking of a single pane of glass.

—Fred L. Geer, the present foreman of the *New England Farmer* office, Boston, spent last Sunday in town.

—The roof of the entire factory building at Lensdale has been put on, and the slaters are now covering it with first quality black slate.

—There was no preaching service at the Baptist church last Sunday morning, as the pastor, Rev. Gorham Easterbrook, was ill with an attack of pleurisy.

—Mrs. George E. Marsh, a well known former resident but now of Providence, was the guest of Mrs. W. E. Horton the past week.

—The American Optical Company has purchased a steam pump which has a capacity of discharging 1,200 gallons of water per minute.

—Mrs. J. L. Boulton, a former resident but whose home at present is in Boston, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H N. Carpenter. Mrs. Boulton accompanied Mrs. Carpenter on her recent trip to Europe.

—At the Union church last Sunday morning the pastor preached on "The Attitude of God Towards Man." In the evening a missionary concert was held, at which the pastor and Charles Hyde reported on their visit to the meetings of the American board at Springfield last week.

—Southbridge has gained a new citizen and the business fraternity another member in the person of C. S. Ayers, who has purchased the furniture, crockery and glassware business of E. G. Guy. Mr. Ayers comes from Spencer, where for the past twelve years he has been connected with one of the leading mercantile firms of that town. We bespeak for him a cordial welcome from the people of the town.

—Architect Cutting was in town Monday, on business relating to the new Town Hall.

—The catalogue of the Baptist Sunday school library is being printed at the JOURNAL office.

—Elijah Hanson, until recently a long time and well known citizen, is visiting relatives in town.

—Linn B. Porter, at present connected with the Boston *Herald*, visited relatives in town Monday.

—An excursion train will probably be run from Southbridge to the Mechanics fair in Boston about Oct. 20.

—The entertainment to be given by the Woman's Relief Corps occurs tomorrow evening in the G. A. R. rooms.

—The society of Christian Workers of the Congregational church will hold a meeting in the church vestry tomorrow evening.

—J. S. Lindsey, Charles E. Brainard. Edward Mesner and Carl B. Johnson of Putnam spent Sunday in town.

Town Warrant.

WORCESTER, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Southbridge, in the county of Worcester, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Dresser Opera House in said Southbridge, on MONDAY, the 17th day of October, at two of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to accept the Selectmen's report filed with the Town Clerk Oct. 6th, 1887, locating and laying main Drains or Common Sewers in Center Village according to plans and specifications filed with the report and forming a part of the same, or act thereon.

Article 3. To see if the town will determine what part of the expense of constructing the sewers referred to in Article two of this Warrant, shall be paid by the town, or act thereon.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for constructing the sewers laid out, or act thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to locate and lay out any main drains or Common sewers in Center Village, or act thereon.

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate additional money for the account of contingent Schools, or act thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Town Hall and High School Building Committee to include in said Building a Memorial Hall, or act thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise additional money for the repair of Highways, or act thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to transfer from the account of unappropriated funds $546.43 to the credit of Columbian road, also $500 to Credit of Dresser Street Hill, or act thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to establish additional Electric lights, or act thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to buy additional land and right of way adjoining Town House lot, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the Southbridge JOURNAL and the Southbridge *Herald* the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting, — or by posting up such attested copies in four conspicuous public places within the Town, at least nine days, including Sundays,— before the day of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place hereinbefore named.

Given under our hands this 6th day of October A. D., 1887.

A. H. WHEELER,
W. D. MORSE,
GEO. L. CLEMENCE,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy attest.
J. S. DRESSER, Constable of Southbridge.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

—Other local news in supplement.

Thomas Murray of Providence is visiting his parents.

—W. F. Draper, jr., of Hopedale was in town yesterday.

—Hosea Weld visited realatives and friends in Auburn this week.

—John Tatterson has been a visitor to the White mountains the past week.

—The Misses Taylor of "The Pines" will remove to Brooklyn, N. Y., soon.

—The report of the Southbridge National Bank will be found in another column.

—Dresser & Co. have placed in Mrs. H. N. Carpenter's studio an elegant new piano.

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—A novelty in the vegetable market this week is a supply of Spanish onions. They are of enormous size, of a light yellow color and look good enough to eat.

—The Universalist Social Club will meet next Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Universalist church vestry. A full attendance is requested.

—Mrs. S. C. Hartwell, Mrs. J. E. Clark and Mrs. Ednah T. Plimpton went to Somerville last week to attend the wedding of their relative, Miss Gertrude Lincoln, a daughter of C. S. Lincoln. Mrs. Plimpton will remain there some time.

—The managers of the Stafford Agricultural Society have hired Alfred McKinstry to exhibit his trained steers at their fair today. Since he exhibited them at the recent Sturbridge show, Mr. McKinstry has taught his steers several additional tricks.

—At the Congregational church last Sunday morning the pastor's subject was "Foreign missions." In the evening he gave, in the lecture room of the church, an account of the meeting of the American board at Springfield.

—The Leominister *Enterprise* says: The Lilhatansu quartett caught their audience at once. Their songs were new to the people and full of life. Each song was cheered lustily, and several times the audience refused to cease their applause until they responded.

—J. E. Ellis, clerk at William H. Clarke, was married in Ascutneyville, Vt., Wednesday, to Miss Nellie C. Boynton of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis will return to Southbridge Saturday and take up their residence on Chapin street in the house recently vacated by J. A. White.

—While the workmen on the Lensdale dam were digging a place for the abutment of the dam on the left bank of the river, recently, they found a spring in the quicksand, of the purest and coldest water. Before being covered, which the building of the abutment necessitated, a six inch pipe was laid leading from it to the surface of the ground, and thus affords a supply of fresh water.

—William Gradon, one of the oldest and most respected of our city officials, has, after a long and faithful period of service extending over thirty years, resigned as janitor of the Lyman school. In commemoration of the foregoing and as a mark of esteem and regard the teachers in that school presentsd Mr. Gordon last Monday with 24 volumes of Scott's Works. Mr. Gordon has moved to Southbridge, whither he goes with the best wishes of all East Boston.—*East Boston Agus Advocate.*

—The defalcation of cashier R. S. Hicks of the Stafford Springs, Ct., national bank creates quite a flurry of excitement in town, as he is well known here. The first information regarding the affair was received by F. L. Chapin, Wednesday evening, when he received a dispatch announcing it. Today it has been one of the leading topics of the street, taking an almost equal prominence with the third district senatorial nomination and the annual meeting of the agricultural society at Sturbridge.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

—J. S. Gleason has received a carload of 400 bushels of potatoes.

—Selectman Wheeler and Dr. Paton are at the Stafford fair.

—W. S. Fitts is reported as slowly recovering from his severe illness.

Senatorial Convention.

The third Worcester Republican senatorial convention for the nomination of a senator from this district was held in Continental hall, Worcester, this morning and resulted in the nomination of George P. Ladd of Spencer, the vote standing, Ladd 37, C. D. Paige, Southbridge, 22. As we stated before the convention, Southbridge was entitled to the nomination this year and the convention by its action has practically said, first, that a man who was not a Bates man in the congressional contest last fall can not receive a nomination in this district as at present constituted, and delegates who might be inclined to act differently have not, with a few exceptions, dared to act until they knew the feeling at headquarters.

Second. The convention has said to the Republican voters of Southbridge, "We are willing you should send delegates year after year to conventions to nominate men in other towns, but we are not willing you should receive the nomination yourself, We know that you have supported candidates loyally in the convention and at the polls for the past twenty years, but you must not ask for a candidate."

A protest against "bossism" in this senatorial district and also against the greed of the town of Spencer would not be out of place in this connection.

Republican Club Officers Elected.

The Republican club of Southbridge held an adjourned meeting in Dresser small hall last Friday evening for the purpose of acting upon the by-laws reported by the committee on the forming of the club, and for the election of officers for the year ensuing. The chairman stated, after the secretary had read the minutes of the previous meeting, that the first business of the club would be the election of its officers. This the meeting did with the following result: President, Dr. Lamson Allen; vice-presidents, D. S. Dougherty, J. C. F. Wheelock, C. S. McKinstry; secretary, G. A. Cheney; assistant secretary, J. H. Wooster; treasurer, E. A. Wells; executive committee, W. T. Robinson, M. P. Foster, G. W. Corey, Fred Newbury, W. E. Alden, Jr., with the president and secretary; financial committee, A. B. Goodier, F. W. Eaton, F. E. Randall, F. S. Paige, F. D. Dresser.

Following the election of officers the president presented to the meeting the by-laws recommended by the special committee, which, after they were read by the president and amended, were adopted by the club. The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the president.

Tarred and Feathered the Hitching Post.

Some party or parties prompted by maliciousness, or perhaps by sympathy, now that cold weather is approaching, covered the head, shoulders and back of W. E. Alden jr's. little darkey that stands in front of his residence, and to which his visitor hitches his horse, with tar, and then applied a coat of feathers, sometime during last Monday night. The little fellow in his new rigging is as complacent as ever, while the passer by is convulsed with laughter at his ludicrous appearance. Mr. Mr. Alden is in New York, and just what he will say when he returnes and finds his hitching post feathered out is a matter of conjecture.

—The Saturday half-holiday in the mills will be discontinued after this week.

—James T. McKinstry is painting the residence of Mrs. H. Oldham on Sayles street.

—Rev. James Donahue has been confined to his house the present week with a severe cold.

—The Southbridge concert orchestra furnished the music at a ball in Stafford, Wednesday.

—Alfred E. Morton was discharged from the Concord reformatory this week, and arrived home Tuesday evening.

—The glass works of the American Optical Company were closed Wednesday, to permit the cleaning of the race-way.

—James F. Parker who has been confined to his room at the C. A. Dresser House for the past two weeks with illness is no better.

—A party of her friends paid Miss Martha Cutting a visit at her boarding place, Mrs. Smith's on Everett street, Tuesday evening.

—All persons desiring to become members of the C. L. S. C. are requested to meet at the residence of Miss Nellie Vinton, Everett street, at 7:30, this evening.

—The Litchfield Shuttle Company are to have their manufactory, tenement houses and other buildings painted a cream color with white trimmings. M. Egan has the contract for the work.

—The religious meetings at St. Mary's church during the present week have been of deep interest and large congregations have attended the several meetings. They will be continued until next Sunday evening.

—During the month of September there were issued from the public library 1122 books. Number used in the library 249. Largest number issued on any one day 91. There were added to the library during the month, by purchase, 116 volumes.

—The legislative committee on labor were in town yesterday for a short time—in fact just about long enough for them to get a good dinner at the Globe Village House, take a run through the spinning room at the big mill, where they asked a few senseless questions, and then take their departure. The state pays the bills, you know.

—Hon. Elijah Morse of Canton will speak at Dresser opera house at 7.30 o'clock Sunday evening under the auspices of the local Y. W. C. T. U. Admission free; public invited. If the weather is favorable arrangements may be made for an open air meeting in the afternoon.

—The name of the Milford quartette which is to appear at Edwards opera house next week Friday evening will not be found in the dictionary. Noah Webster had no knowledge of the cognomen when he compiled his famous volume. The name is made up simply of the first syllable of the first name of each member of the quartette-Lil-hat-an-su. The idea was original with the ladies of the organization and the novelty of the title provokes curiosity wherever they appear, The quartette can sing. If you would like to hear them don't make any other engagement for next week Friday evening. Tickets and plan of hall at Paige & Co's.

Sept. 16. 1887.

Y. M. C. A.

Anniversary Exercises held Sunday evening—Reports and an Address by Secretary Lawrence.

Exercises commemorative of the fifth anniversary of the Southbridge Y. M. C. A. were held in Edwards Opera House last Sunday evening. The exercises commenced at 6 o'clock, at which time a large audience had assembled. George W. Wells, president of the association, presided. In opening the meeting the president remarked that the association had assembled to celebrate another anniversary, the fifth in its history. He said that the exercises of the evening would not differ materially from those of former years. The following order of exercises was then given: Singing by the congregation "Cornation;" scripture reading, 19th chapter of Luke, Rev. S. Hayward; prayer Rev. J. Danielson; singing by a quartet consisting of Mrs. E. T. Morse, Miss Carrie Stone, Augustus Cook and Fred Hill, "Zion Blest City;" report of treasurer, E. A. Wells; the report was read by Fred Hill.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	$20.00
Donating Members,	446.00
Renewals,	228 00
Gymnasium Members,	67.02
New Members,	67 00
Advertisements,	39 17
Call at Anniversary,	14.00
Proceeds of Festival,	34.83
Sundries,	16.95
	$933.77

EXPENDITURES.

Rent,	$308.00
Printing,	54.75
Care of Rooms,	45 00
Insurance,	6.75
Gymnasium Instruction,	89 60
Gas, fuel and water,	115 38
Anniversary expense,	10.00
Contribution to State work,	25.00
Stamps and stationery,	5.60
Gymnasium furniture,	121 90
Kitchen furnishings,	94.61
Sundries,	16 34
Reading room,	34.70
Balance,	6.74
	$933.77

Respectfully submitted,
E. A. Wells, Treasurer.

H. R. Beecher reported on the gymnasium, G. T. McVey on educational and entertainment work, Fred. G. Blanchard on work among boys, L. H. Ammidown on devotional work and C. D. Monroe on the executive work. Following is secretary Monroe's report:

Report of the Executive Secretary.

In looking over the records preparatory to writing this report, my thoughts have turned backward into and through the five years of history, to the preliminary work, and the meetings that were held in the autumn of 1882. Particularly do I recall the meeting in the vestry of yonder Methodist church where a little company of young men met with secretary Ober, and after discussing the advisibility of forming an association, they knelt together in prayer to seek God's favor and wisdom. As the great rivers have their source in the hidden springs, so this organization originated in comparitive obscurity; but as we retrospect the past tonight how distinctly we can trace the divine guidance, and what an accumulation of wisdom we have of His approval.

During this series of years we have had comparatively little to discourage us. There have, however, been some obstacles, but as they have been overcome, the way has seemed to open up for a broader and a more fruitful service. The total cost of the work (including the furnishing of the rooms) from the beginning to the present time has been $4,428, or an average of $885 per year. Of this sum $1,370 have been received from regular memberships; $2,121 from contributing members and the balance of $937 from miscellaneous sources. The average number of contributors per year has been 63 and their average contributions $6.25. With this statement there naturally arises the inquiry, what has really been accomplished in return for this large expenditure? Well, any answer to that can only give an imperfect idea, for much of the work is of such a character that no pen can record it and many of the greatest results may be revealed only in heaven. Certain it is our comfortable and attractive rooms have afforded a shelter to many a tempted one; its social prayer meetings have cheered and refreshed scores of Christ's followers, and have proved "a word in season" to many a weary and sin burdened soul. During these five years we have had the privilege of seeing no less than 65 of the young men brought into the fold of Christ; and according to their own testimony a large per cent of this number have been led to take this step through the influence of this association.

Three of our former members are today serving acceptably other associations as general secretaries, giving their whole time to the work. One is at New Haven, one at Fitchburg and the other at Milford. Last week one other entered the Moody school at Northfield, there to prepare himself for some line of Christian service. It would be a pleasure to linger a little while on the fruit of the religious work of these five years, but time will not permit a further statement. The secular department during this period has been uniformly successful, and we look upon it more than ever as indespensable in furthering the spiritual work. It has ever been the firm principle of this association to make the membership ticket as valuable as possible, realizing that to reach many young men we must offer sufficient attractions and advantages. It is because of this generous policy that we have so large a membership, and have met with such success in winning young men to Christ. Aside from maintaining an open house nearly every week day evening these years, with the benefits of a well equipped reading room; we have conducted evening classes in penmanship, book-keeping, vocal music and gymnastics. Have given 8 informal talks on educational themes, 12 lectures, 12 concerts and 9 social receptions. Have held 233 young men's meetings; 119 meetings for boys only, and 37 gospel song services for miscellaneous audiences.

We have witnessed a steady growth in our membership from 28—the number that joined on the evening of our organization till now we have 384 of which number 154 are "active" and 230 "associate." Coming now to speak more particularly of the year just closed we feel it has been the most eventful in our history. It has been characterized by more than usual religious interest, and will be made memorable because of the magnanimous response on the part of our friends in the movement to secure the "Columbian property," so called, as a site for our prospective building. During November and December a quiet canvass was conducted which resulted in securing pledges to the amount of $14,040, of which sum $10,000 has already been paid in, and on the 13th day of January last, the association received the deed of this property. It is surprising to see what grand results follow strong faith, coupled with earnest effort. Probably when our building fund was started fonr years ago with $55, the proceeds of a festival, very few expected the result which we are privileded to put on record today. But the end is not yet! We have the duty before us, and ought we not to esteem it a privilege, of placing upon that site an elegant and commodious building, constructed with a view to our work in all its departments, physical, social, mental and spiritual. If we are at all familiar with association methods in other localities, we shall recognize that there are many things that should be introduced here. Young men have manifold needs, and the adaptibility of the Young Men's Christian Association to meet those needs, especially when conducted on the most approved basis, is attracting the attention of many good people throughout our land. Unless all signs fail, the coming year is to witness unprecedented activity in this movement for association buildings. From Maine to California we hear of new buildings being erected through the benevolence of individuals or committees. Some one has said in answer to the question how to get a building, "Do a work that will deserve one." That is our motto tonight. It is our purpose to make the most of what we have to do with, having no doubt that deliverance will come in the way of a new building. Shall we not work and pray that ere we gather to celebrate another anniversary we shall see its walls erected? Is it too much to ask since the young men are to reap the benefit? Our great desire it seems to me should be to see this association placed upon a solid basis, and to that end a permanent home is indispensable. In closing this report I extend the hearty thanks of this association to all those who have in any way contributed to the support of the work. And now as we step over the threshold of a new year, let it be with united purpose. Let us yield every hnman desire that we may obey the voice of the Spirit as He bids us go onward from the advanced position in which He has placed us, and let us unitedly give "Thanks unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Respectfully submitted,
C. D. Monroe, Executive Secretary.

Singing, by the above mentioned quartet, "Gather Them In," followed the reading of the reports. The address of E. A. Lawrence, state secretary of Connecticut, was next in order. After stating that the privilege of being present on the occasion of the anniversary afforded him great pleasure he said: "I do not think I should be right did I not render a tribute of praise and admiration to the marked manner in which you have conducted the affairs of your assocition. In my travels I am met with discouraging statements in regard to the organizing of associations in towns of 5000 people or thereabouts. On such occasions I invariably present to these brethren a statement of your work. I presume there are very few people that have an adequate conception of the magnitude of the work of the Y. M. C. A. A president of one of our colleges says that this is the grand movement of the ninteenth century. Look back but a few years and see the gathering of the secretaries of the organizations that formed the nuclei of the association on the deck of a Potomac steamer, and see how marvelous has been its growth since that day. The railroad companies in the country alone spend $60,000 yearly to aid the work of the associotion in this special field. Our organization consists of young men united to save young men. Our churches are oftentimes separated as by a high wall and there is no organization under heaven that can break down this

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high wall but the Y. M. C. A. We are banded together to sink these differences out of sight. My experience teaches me that young men will organize. If not in one form they will in another. To me it is a pitiable sight to see so many young men spending their time at the club room. The great aim of the Y. M. C. A. is to save young men. You have no conception of the large number of young men that are going down to ruin, whose feet have taken hold on death. Many of these young men are of our best families. To save all young men is the aim of our association. Business men in many communities recognize the peculiar strength of our organization for this great work, and they are giving of their wealth for the construction of buildings for associations. Then was a time when it was thought that th rooms on the fourth or fifth floor or a building was good euough for us, but better quarters are now being provided for onr associations. It will be remembered that the emblems of our association a few years ago were three "Gs," these stood for "Grit, Grace and Greenbacks;" today our emblem is three "C's,", "Concentration, Consecration and Common-sense. Heretofore the trouble in christian work has been what the colored preacher characterized as too much "scatteration." I believe it was a wise step when it was decided to hold meetings for young men only, as by so doing we get their undivided attention." Following the address was the collection; singing by the congregation, "Blest be the Tie that Binds;" prayer and benediction by Rev. W. J. Pomfret.

Obituary.

In the death of John Taunt, which occurred at his late residence on High street Saturday evening, Southbridge loses an old resident and one whose character was of the best. He has always been known to his fellow citizens as an honest, truthful, square dealing man, whose word was as good as his bond. He was a native of Canton, but came to Southbridge in early life and entered the employ of the Hamilton Woolen Company. Nearly all of his long service in the company's employ was as the overseer of the delaine carding room. While in this position he enjoyed the fullest confidence of his superiors and the warm friendship and respect of his fellow overseers. Mr. Taunt left the company's employ a few years ago on account of the infirmaties incident to his advancing years, and spent the remaining years of his life in the quiet enjoyment of the home he had made for himself and family. He had been at several times during the past year in a critical state of health, being subject to sudden attacks of prostration. Last Friday morning he arose and partially dressed himself when he was taken by a sudden illness which increased with such rapidity and severity that soon after noon on that day he entered a comalose state and so remained until death ensued early Saturday evening. The funeral of the deceased was held from his late residence Tuesday afternoon, Rev. W. J. Pomfret officiating.

Letter from Selectman Wheeler.

To the Editor of the SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL.

I am sure that whatever opinion may have been formed in regard to the uncalled for and unprecedented proceedings of the last town meeting, its principals or its suppressions, all will concur in expressing thanks that the strife is over.

We have differed more perhaps than we wished or than can be reconciled about the mode pursued in bringing it about, but we cannot differ about the plain duty we owe to the welfare of the town by encouraging in every way possible the construction of a building that will be adapted to the wants of the public, and an ornament to Southbridge. I have never been able to see the consistency or wisdom of combining a High school with a Town Hall. I am of the opinion that the Town Hall should be located at the Centre, but that the High school should be located farther west to better accommodate the scholars at Globe Village.

My impression is, considering other much needed improvements, that it would have been better to have waited four or five years before building a Town Hall or entering into so large and expensive a contract. However, it seems that a majority of those that voted on this question think otherwise. I have no desire to enter into any discussion in regard to what I consider the unwise and unjust act of placing a gag upon the mouths of the citizens of Southbridge, only to say, that it is a precedent that the town can ill afford to establish. We live in a free country, made so by the blood of many a noble son. Free thought, free speech, and a free press are the bulwarks of our republic. Town meetings are the foundations of Republican institutions, and any act on the part of any body of citizens that prohibits, or in any way prevents perfectly free expression, if persisted in, is sure to receive its reward.

Now that the location of the Town Hall and High school building is settled, it behooves the citizens of Southbridge to discard all animosities and support the building committee most heartily in any effort that they may make to construct for the town what it deserves, a superb, convenient and appropriate building. It is in all probability the only public building of similar importance that the town will be called upon to build for seventy-five years, therefore the citizens should encourage the building of one that they not only will not be ashamed of, but rather one that they will be proud of. Economy ought not to be considered only so far as building exactly what the town needs and necessity demands, as cheap as practicable. Would be economy has cost the town thousands of dollars and checked its growth to a very great extent. It prevented the building of a railroad from Southbridge to Brookfield, It half built River street. It built thousands of feet of plank sidewalks, and it would have defeated the acceptance of an indispensable public library and reading room had it possessed the power, and now it is asking the town to erect a public building for about one-half of what future wants demand that it should cost. Parsimony is not economy and never will be. It is economy to build well and provide substantially for the future. Thirty thousand dollars will never build a fifty thousand dollar Town Hall and no amount of economy can be made to provide or substitute for the deficiency, therefor. If thirty thousand dollars is inadequate, the committee should not hesitate when necessary to ask for an additional sum sufficient to erect a building that will be the pride of the town, and I am sure that a generous and patriotic public will respond promptly and cheerfully.

The main hall should have a seating capacity of not less than twelve hundred people, with a commodious stage and ante rooms adjacent. There should be a small hall suitable for caucuses, etc. Each board of town officers should be provided with offices suitably furnished. It is also necessary that the building should contain a fire proof vault for the preservation of records, etc. No money or pains should be spared to make the High school convenient and complete in every particular, and it is due to the memory of those that risked their lives in the interest of a free country that a Memorial Hall be included, appropriate for the needs of the G. A. R. and Women's Relief Corps. A more worthy tribute could not be granted, and the town should instruct the committee to provide for it. If done it will be an honor to the citizens, and reflect great credit upon the gentlemen designated to superintend its construction.

A. H. WHEELER.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

—Henry K. Merrifield of Worcester is the guest of A. B. Goodier.

—Services will be resumed at the Baptist church next Sunday.

—C. E. Wilson started on a brief trip to Niagara Falls Wednesday afternoon.

—Mrs. James White of Warwick is the guest of her mother, Mrs. L. Cheney.

—Dr. L. W. Curtis has a large force of men engaged in filling his silos with ensilage corn.

—Frank Read, recently of Southbridge, is at present managing a drug store in Orange.

—The traced mullioned windows above the entrance of the Baptist church are being repaired.

—George W. Upham has gone to Marshfield, Wisconsin, where it is his intention to permanently locate.

—Miss Hattie M. Seelye of New Haven, Ct., is the guest of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Azel Thompson.

—Carl B. Johnson, formerly employed in the Southbridge post office, is now employed in the Putnam *Standard* office.

—Mrs. W. C. Hargraves contemplates starting on a visit to her daughter and son in Parksburg, Penn., next Monday.

—George Swindles, a well known former citizen of Southbridge, but now of Minneapolis, Minn., visited in town this week.

—It is said that potatoes are rotting badly in this and neighboring towns. Early in the week they retailed at 80 cents a bushel.

—Merrick A. Marcy of Union has the dimensions of a house staked out on his lot on South street, near Oakes avenue.

—In probate court at Worcester, Tuesday, executor's accounts were allowed on the estate of James N. Connor of Southbrid ge

—A large audience greeted Pat. Rooney and his company in Edwards Opera house last Friday evening. The show gave evident satisfaction.

—The glass department of the American Optical Company's works has been shut down for a few days this week to allow of repairs on the trench.

—Miss E. Frances Dresser will be the soprano soloist at a concert to be given in Spencer next Friday evening in aid of the Methodist church of that town.

—E. W. Newell of Pittsburgh, Penn., will give a lecture on "Natural Gas" before the members of Globe Council, Home Circle, and invited guests next Tuesday evening.

—The Rhode Island Soapstone Roofing Company recently covered the roof of the east wing of the Central mills and the recessed roof of the Dresser House.

—Frank H. Pope of the Boston *Globe* was in town Tuesday. He went to Webto obtain facts regarding the disappearance of Miss Hoyle, the missing Webster girl.

—G. L. Clemence has filled two of his three silos and will fill the remaining one next week. When all are filled he will have 150 tons of ensilage.

Letter from Dr. Curtis.

To the Editor of the SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL.

While lying on a sick bed I was told that the town of Southbridge had voted to build a Town House and High school room on the old Town House lot and that this was voted without any discussion or any instruction in relation to the proposed structure. This I hardly credited, but later reports corroborated it as a fact. As this was to be a structure that should last fifty or more years, it seemed very unbusiness like to pursue the course now laid out. Where could we find a man of business that would not first find out what he wants before he begins to demolish his old structure, its cost, etc. Under these circumstances I thought the voters should have an opportunity to discuss the whole matter, and for this reason I signed a petition for another town meeting, expecting that I should have a chance to give my reasons for the hope that was in me and others could do the same. Last spring I was in dead earnest for an advanced grammar and High school together, but the majority decided otherwise and as this was freely discussed and a fair fight, I acknowledged myself beaten and went in for the next best thing. I supposed at another town meeting we should discuss the matter in the same friendly way. I did not suppose any particular section would be cut off from speaking or anything would be done to call the old village feeling we had thirty years ago when we woke up one morning and found our post office gone and to mail or receive a letter we had to go to the town office. A good deal has been said about Globe Village bringing down their hoodlums to vote. To avoid any such feeling, I did not ask a single man to go, but on the other side a gentleman told me he never worked so hard in his life to bring out men. He was in a position to bring out many. It did seem to me if the matter could be fairly put to the voters of the town they would go about it in a more business like way and take a little heed of what six out of seven of the school committee thought was best to do. Certainly none of us had thought of this new project, as it was broached last spring and deemed impossible. I thought no one would want to see an inferior building put up and such a building must cost from $40,000 to $50,000. We should have all the pros and cons before we started; but judge of my surprise when I heard a motion to indefinitely postpone, which is not debatable. It was finally decided to have some debate, but a motion was made to limit this to five minutes, which was amended to ten. After A. J. Bartholomew had spoken his ten minutes and some personal explanation had been made by two or three others, I asked permission to say a few words, when a motion was made to put the question to vote. By the noise that followed I hardly knew whether I was at a caucus in the fifth ward in New York or out in Mississippi. I could hardly believe that I was among my Christian brethren with whom I had fought for freedom and free speech in years gone by. I ask but for one vote, but as I pay more than $300 a year for taxes, I do ask the privilege of having an opportunity of expressing my opinion while I stay in old Massachusetts. If I were in South Carolina I might expect to be gagged, but never did I think it here in Southbridge, whose voice has always been for free speech. When we consider that 65 per cent of the High school scholars come from west of Marcy, and half of the taxes west of Chapin street, it would seem that all fair minded persons would at least be willing to give us a hearing, especially as it has always been understood that whenever we built a High school house it should be this side of Elm street. There is another matter that has always been understood by the leading men of the town. I refer to the soldiers. Southbridge has never done anything for the dead soldiers, and a very little for the living. We were glad to have them take their lives in their hands and go to the front, and made fair promises, but we have done nothing in these long years to commemorate their death. Why have we not like other towns built a monument? Simply because we have said that as soon as we could afford it we would build a Town House and in it we would have a memorial hall for the dead and a place for the living to meet. Shall we stultify ourselves and leave it as it has been for the last 20 years, or shall we do the right thing in the right way. Individually I have no fault with the committee, but collectively I have. Why is not the school committee represented on it. Simply, I presume, from the fact that they did not believe in the project. If my memory serves me right, none of them have ever served on the school committee. Certainly not for many years. When the Optical company began to build, they got an engineer. They started in a business way. So it is with business men. They employ men who understand their wants. Should not a town do the same? Well the fiat has gone forth, though by a small minority of the good voters in town, but by a large majority of those present. Economy has been the watch word, but as I have said, we build for 50 or 100 years. Thirty thousand dollars has been the cry. Any sensible man who knows anything about buildings, knows that it will take nearer $50,000 to build what we want. Let us have something that we will not be ashamed of 25 years hence, if it does cost the fifty and economise in something else to make it so that our taxes will not keep wealthy men out of Southbridge.

L. W. CURTIS.

Globe Village, Sept. 5, 1887.

Sept. 9. 1887.

Tin Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Wesley Curtis celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marrage last Monday evening. Between fifty and sixty of their friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis were presented with a tin bath tub and a French marble clock. A. J. Barthslomew made the presentation speech in the first instance and Dr. L. W. Curtis on behalf of the guests presented the clock.

The Hearing at Boston.

The Town Hall-High school building committee in attendance at the sitting of the supreme court at Boston before Judge Holmes last Friday, waited until the day began to wane for the disposal of the case relating to the division of the town of Attleboro, and they began to think that they would have to make a night of it in Boston, when, shortly before the time for the departure of the train for home the petitioner's counsel withdrew their petition for an injunction, and all but the committee's counsel came home on the evening train. The committe took with them as counsel John Hopkins of Worcester and Messrs Haggerty and Cochran of Southbridge. L. D. Clemence and V. W. Lamoureaux as witnesses and also Town Clerk Phillips. Mr Hobbs of the committee did not accompany his colleagues.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Contributed.

Young men's meeting Monday evening from 8 to 9 o'clock. Topic: "A meeting for special prayer," Acts iv:23-33. A hearty invitation to be present is extended to all men.

The annual meeting of the association was held Monday evening. Officers were elected as follows: President, George W. Wells; first vice-president, B. U. Bugbee; second vice-president, F. W. Eaton; clerk, Fred C. Hill; treasurer, E. A. Wells; executive secretary, C. D. Monroe; auditor, J. E. Clemence; directors from the churches: H. C. Cady, E. S. Swift, J. M. Clemence, F. G. Blanchard.

Tuesday evening the board of managers held its regular quarterly meeting. The following committees were appointed for the ensuing year: Finance committee, P. T. Litchfield, F. L. Chapin, A. M. Cheney, Franklin Jacobs, E. A. Wells; publication, Charles Hyde, C. H. Hanson, J. T. Clarke; rooms, C. V. Carpenter, H. C. Wells, A. J. Coombs; entertainment and educational advantages, E. E. Chase, J. E. Clemence, F. C. Hill, C. A. Snell, R. A. Beckwith, Rufus E. Bond, C. D. Monroe. The matter of entertaining the state convention was considered, but no definite plans were made. The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the president.

All members and friends of the association are cordially invited to be present at the fifth anniversary exercises which take place in Edwards opera house next Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. Reports of the year's work will be presented by the several committee and secretary. State secretary, E. A. Lawrence of Connecticut will be present to give the address. The exercises will be interspersed with quartette and congregational singing.

Following is the order of the annivesary exercises: Singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"; Scripture reading, Rev. S. Hayward; Prayer, Rev. J. Danielson; Singing by quartette; Report of the year's work; Singing, "My Redeemer," by congregation; Address by E. A. Lawrence, state secretary of Conn.; Collection; Singing, "Blest be the tie that binds",; Prayer and benediction, Rev. W. J. Pomfret.

Home Again.

Mrs. H. N. Carpenter, who has passed the summer in England, arrived home last Saturday night, having come by the way of Charlton on a late train. Her arrival in town was a genuine surprise to most people, as hardly any one knew that she was a passenger on the steamship Pavonic which arrived in Boston Saturday afternoon. Her return home was made known to the congregation at the Union church, Sunday morning, in a happy and pleasing manner by her playing an organ voluntary to the tune of "Home Sweet Home" the playing of which was, practically, the first intimation the assembly had of her presence. As an offertory she played "Home Again from a Foreign Shore." During the week Mrs. Carpenter has received from her friends and pupils a royal welcome home.

The High School.

Not until last Saturday night did the school committee decide upon a place to hold the sessions of the High school pending the erection of a new building. At a meeting of the committee Saturday evening they finally concluded, after considering various rooms and locations which had been suggested, to remove the Union street intermediate school to the Plimpton street school house, and to take the Union street school building for the High school. The seats in the Plimpton street building had been removed in view of the proposed selling of the house. Consequently other seats had to be set up and other work done so as to have everything in readiness for the

opening of the school Tuesday morning. Everything pertaining to the Union street school had to be removed from the building to permit the High school appurtenances to be placed therein. All this work was laid out for Monday, as the schools were advertised to commence Tuesday. It was labor day with a vengeance for Superintendent Clarke, but he proved himself equal to the emergency, and at the close of the day he had the satisfaction of seeing all in readiness for the beginning of the schools.

Labor Day.

Monday, labor day, was very generally observed in Southbridge. With the exception of the Sandersdale print works all of the manufacturers in town were closed for the day. At noon the dry goods and grocery stores closed and from 3 p. m. until 6 p. m. the drug stores were closed. Many people improved the opportunity to visit friends out of town, the traffic on the railroad being very large, Conductor Joslin collected 800 tickets and 175 cash fares during the day. Although there were numerous private parties and picnics, the great attractions of the day were the ball games. The whole town seemed to have gone daft, for the time being, on the National game. Nothing of a serious nature occurred to mar the pleasures of the day.

The Electric Light.

The long-looked for and anxiously awaited electric light was tested for the first time Wednesday evening, and, considering that it was the first night, worked quite as well as expected. The weather being stormy, many did not venture out, but last night the streets were lined with people, to many of whom the lights were something new. Wednesday evening the Globe circuit did not work until near midnight, at which time the lamps were lighted for an hour or more.

A New Reservoir.

The Southbridge Water Supply Company have in contemplation the erection of a new reservoir on the same stream where the present one is, and about three-eights of a mile above it. Surveys have been made and it is ascertained that a pond of double the capacity of the old one can be made. The land which will be overflowed by the building of a dam is free from bogs and like deleterious matter.

Republican Caucus.

The Republicans of Southbridge will hold a caucus next Tuesday evening for the purpose of choosing delegates to attend the various fall conventions.

SOUTHBRIDGE. Sept. 1887.

—Services will be resumed at the Baptist church next Sunday.

—Nearly one-half an inch of rain fell during Wednesday evening's shower.

—Henry Armes recently killed a blue heron that measured five and a half feet from tip to tip of its wings.

—Frank M. Marble has purchased of S. K. Edwards the house on Edwards street, at present occupied by T.W. D. Brown.

—Steamer company No. 1 is not going to the East Brookfield muster, they having decided Wednesday evening not to attend.

—The last of the open-air band concerts will be given next Tuesday evening at the corner of High and Main streets. The program:

—J. M. Olney has put into his residence, the house formerly occupied by M. M. Marble on the Charlton road, a Pentecost steam heater.

—Grapes are being received in liberal supply, and they will soon be so cheap that there will be no sour ones as they will be in the pecuniary reach of all.

—J. M. Olney will commence the building of a cottage on the Charlton City road, next week. It will be the first of a number to be erected by him on his land.

—Miss Rosa Letcher, post-master Oakes assistant, has been unable to attend to her duties this week, owing to illness. Beryl Oakes has been in the office during Miss Letcher's absence.

—The last open air band concert in the Center village took place Tuesday evening, and was largely attended. The selections played were not of so pleasing a character as on some previous occasions.

—Services in Pratt's neighborhood last Sunday afternoon were conducted by Rev. W. O. Hale of Worcester. Rev. M. W. Boyden of Worcester will preach next Sunday at 5 p. m.

—Superintendent Clarke is of the opinion that the School street school house will be in readiness for the beginning of the schools one week from next Monday.

—The old Melville engine has been sold by the selectmen to a Boston veteran firemen's association for the sum of $150. It was shipped from the station Wednesday.

—Pat. Rooney in Pat's Wardrobe, supported by the New York Star Comedy company, appear in Edwards opera house tonight. This will be the first entertainment of the season in Southbridge.

—The Southbridge boys who occupied the northeast cottage at Bates grove, report a good time and plenty of fish. Their register shows visitors from Brooklyn, N. Y., Boston, West Thompson, Conn., Milford and Southbridge.

—Frank Parker entered his horse "Piccolo" in the three minute race at the Woonsocket fair Tuesday. There were ten starters in the race and seven of them were shut off in the first heat, among them being Piccolo.

—H. J. Conant of St. Johnsbury, Vt., formerly of firm of Conant & Clark of Southbridge, has sold his business there and has engaged with Mason & Brooks of Worcester.

—Azel Thompson attended the 25th anniversary of the departure of the 36th Massachusetts regiment for the seat of war, at Worcester last Friday. It was one of the most notable regimental reunions that have been held in this state.

—Rev. Gorham Easterbrook returned this week from his vacation to superintend the removal of his household effects from the old to the new Baptist parsonage. He goes away again soon to complete his vacation.

—Mrs. E. A. Parkhurst, a professor of massage, a system for the relief and cure of rheumatism, nervous prostration and kindred diseases, is stopping for a month at the C. A. Dresser House, where she will be pleased to see all needing medical advice and aid.

—The work of razing the Town Hall building is being pushed with the utmost rapidity. Last evening nothing but the walls of the building remained standing and the appearance of the structure was desolate and forbidding in the extreme.

—J. A. White has engaged as travelling salesman for Theodore Harrington and entered upon the duties of his new position last Friday. He is at present absent on a four month's trip west. Mr. White will make Southbridge his home for the present.

—Joseph Pollard, a valued and active member of the Y. M. C. A. and also of the Union church and its Sunday school, has entered Mr. Moody's school at Mount Hermon, where he will pursue a course of study. Since he came to Southbridge, some three years ago, Mr. Pollard has made hosts of friends who now wish him an abundant success in his new field.

—Auctioneer Clarke will hold one of the most extensive sales of furniture, household goods, glass, tin and wooden ware, that has ever taken place in town, this afternoon at 1 p. m., precisely, in front of his place of business on Central street. The sale will offer a fine opportunity for people desiring such goods to get them at their own price.

—The board of health, accompanied by the special committee, Messrs Barnes and Dresser and Messrs Morse and Clemence of the board of selectmen, went to Boston Tuesday and had a hearing before the state board of health regarding the proposed plan of sewerage for the town. Upon the receipt of the report of the last named board a town meeting will be called to act upon the matter.

—Mrs. Joseph Corey is visiting Mrs. James Fairman in Plainfield, Ct.

—Mrs. G. H. Hartwell is away on an extended visit to New York and Jersey City.

—Mrs. Edwin Bacon is away on a vacation which will include a sail up the Hudson.

—Miss Lizzie Kelly has gone to Boston where she will spend the month of September.

—E. Arthur Wells, assistant cashier of the savings bank, leaves town tomorrow on a two weeks vacation.

—C. E. Sammons, a former well known resident, but now of Boston, spent a portion of this week in town.

—Edwin Delehanty is fitting up a room in the building back of Alden's block where he will open a store.

—Miss Cora B. Norris, the telephone operator, is away on a vacation. Miss Stewart is substituting for her.

—Henry Bigelow is taking a vacation this week. George Booth fills his position as assistant at the Globe post-office.

—Colonel Henry G. Green of the 6th Massachusetts regiment was the guest of his sister, Mrs. G. H. Hartwell, this week.

—J. Ernest Clemence, a member of the Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, *Herald* staff, is the guest of friends in town. He paid the JOURNAL office a visit yesterday.

—Henry W. Frost of Charleston, S. C., a member of the firm of H. W. Frost & Co. exporters of sea island cotton, was the guest of H. B. Dresser the past week.

—James Patch has gone to Boston to assume charge of a New York dye stuff firm's branch office in that city. He will spend a portion of his time in travelling.

—Mrs. George W. Wells arrived home from Kennebunkport, Me., last evening. She was very much fatigued by the journey, but this was to be expected considering her weakened condition.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

Oct. 3. 1887.

—The voting list contains 983 names.

—Several Halloween parties were held last Monday evening.

—Miss Abbie Holmes is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. L. Clemence.

—William Freeman has had his residence on Main street repainted.

—Two dollars pays for the JOURNAL from Nov. 1, 1887 to Jan. 1, 1889.

—A. H. Shepard has the foundation laid for his new barn off Goddard court.

—The young people of the Union church have an oyster supper, Thursday, November 10.

—A fresh coat of tar and gravel is being put on the roof of the south wing of the big mill.

—New subscribers can have the JOURNAL from now until Jan. 1, 1889, 14 months, for $2.

—W. E. Alden, jr., is putting into his residence a steam heating apparatus of the Plummer system.

—Louis Benway, the little fellow who is so badly crippled, is to have a fruit stand on Hamilton street near Pine.

—The registration of voters closed for this campaign Wednesday evening. Ninety-eight names were added to the list.

—The wooden steps fronting the main walk of St. Mary's parsonage have been removed and granite ones substituted.

—E. D. Reynolds has purchased a new turnout in the shape of a dog cart, the entire furnishings of which are matched.

—The C. L. S. C. will meet with Miss Minnie French, Hamilton street, Thursday, Nov. 10. Roll call to be answered with proposed name for the circle.

—Turn tables on which to lay the heavy account books have been placed on the counter in the savings bank at the receiving and disbursing windows.

—There will be a song service and short sermon at the Baptist church next Sunday evening. Singing by the double male quartette. All will be cordially welcomed.

—J. F. Parker & Son and Miranda & Co., have each a car-load of potatoes on the Central street siding. The cars contain 575 and 650 bushels, respectively.

—John W. Silk was before Judge Jillson last Monday charged with keeping a liquor nuisance. He was fined $100 and costs, from which he appealed to the superior court.

—A genealogy of the Hartwell family, which is represented in Southbridge, has been written by L. W. Densmore of Hillsboro, N. H. and is issued by a Boston publishing house.

—The clerks in the stores at the Globe favor the idea of closing Tuesday and Friday evenings, but still they think the closing of the stores every evening at 8 o'clock would be about right.

—The barn belonging to the estate of the late Otis N. Upham has been sold to A. H. Shepard, who has taken it down. Mr. Shepard will use a portion of it in the building of another barn.

—William Eccleston and L. E. Sibley have been granted a patent on cork nose guard for spectacles. B. F. Merritt has been granted a patent on an employers' time register. 1887

—The work of cutting down Dresser street hill to the prescribed grade is nearly completed. Although the height of the hill has been considerably lessened, enough of it will be left to make a strictly first class toboggan slide. Oct. 3. 1887.

—The Y. W. C. T. U. meeting for ladies will be held as usual next Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. Subject, "Consecration." The meetings are increasing in interest and attendance.

—A sparring exhibition will be given in Dresser hall Tuesday evening 18th inst. Local boxers will be present as well as those from out of town. A set to between Howard of Globe Village and Falvey of Providence will take place. For particulars see poster.

—The Bennett & Moulton opera company, one of the best organizations on the road, will appear at Dresser opera house next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings with Wednesday matinee. "The Mascot," "Olivette," "Pinafore" and "Chimes of Normandy" will be given. The company will undoubtedly draw large audiences.

—The Hamilton Woolen Company, Amesbury, has the woolen machinery nearly all out of one of its mills and will enlarge its cotton department in that place at once by putting in 6000 mule spindles and about 200 new looms. This company's cotton department is at present being very successfully managed. Its goods are second to none in the market in its line.—*Boston Journal of Commerce.*

—Peter Dumas begins to think that he is getting the full share of his punishment in this world. Five years ago this winter while at work on Alfred McKinstry's sawmill his right leg was broken. Last May while at work on Edwards street extension his left leg was broken. Recovering from this accident he went to work on Dresser street hill and received the accident noted in the JOURNAL a few weeks ago. Recovering from this accident he again went to work on the hill. Last Monday while holding a drill the striker missed aim and Dumas' left fore finger received the full force of the blow, mutilating it badly. Dr. Genereux dressed the injured finger.

Oct. 20 **Harvest Concert.** 1887.

The Union church Sunday-school gave a harvest concert last Sunday evening which was listened to by a large audience. The platform and pulpit were tastefully decorated with fruit, flowers and vegetables. Sheaves of grain and strings of corn were also used in the decorations. The program of the concert was as follows: Anthem; prayer by the pastor; questions by Superintendent Bugbee, responses by scholars; recitations by Jessie Curtis, Mary Crawford, Emma Varner, Henry Bigelow, Maggie Simpson, Hattie Underwood; singing by the scholars; remarks by pastor; benediction.

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BASE BALL.

The Southbridge Nine Defeat the Worcester Holy Cross Team.

Last Saturday's game was a brilliant ending of a brilliant season's playing for the home team. The visitors, the Holy Cross college nine of Worcester, have the reputation of being one of the strongest teams in the state. They have won games this season from the Marlboro, Holliston, Milford, and other leading nines in the state. It is undoubtedly the ablest nine with whom our boys have played this season. The joy which the people felt over the winning of the game by the home team was all the more, as only a very few of the most sanguine believed our boys had the ability to down the Worcester team. Although the visiting nine did not have their regular pitcher, Mead, yet he accompanied them here, and he stated on the grounds before the game commenced that Kelly, who was to pitch in his place, was equally as good.

In the first inning the visitors were quickly retired without making a run. Lovely, for the home nine, was first at the bat, and he made one of the finest two base hits of the entire season; took third on a muffed ball, and scored on Hall's base hit. In the second and third innings, our boys did not succeed in making a run, while the visitors put four to their credit. After this, our nine played with their old time brilliancy and added run after run to their score. The Worcester nine did not give up until their part of the ninth inning had been played. In that inning not one of them saw first base. Their first man struck out, and the succeeding two at the bat were caught out to first.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

	AB.	R.	1B.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Lovely, 3b	5	3	2	2	0	1	2
Brennan, cf.	5	1	1	3	2	0	0
Hall, rf.	5	1	1	1	1	0	1
Kane, c.	4	2	3	1	9	1	2
Edmunds, 1b.	4	1	1	0	8	0	1
Dillaher, 2b.	4	1	2	0	4	3	2
M. Murphy, ss.	4	1	2	0	1	2	2
Healy, p.	4	0	1	0	0	13	0
T. Murphy, lf	4	1	1	1	2	0	0
Totals.	39	11	14	8	27	20	10

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE.

O'Neil, 1b.	5	2	3	1	11	0	1
Cahill, c.	5	1	1	2	5	4	1
Higney, cf.	5	1	2	0	0	0	0
Kelley, p	5	1	1	0	1	9	0
McCaffrey, 3b.	5	1	1	1	3	0	2
O'Callaghan, lf.	4	1	2	1	0	0	2
Donnelly, rf.	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
Barnes, 2b.	4	0	1	0	4	1	1
Neary, ss.	4	0	0	0	0	7	3
Totals.	41	7	11	5	24	21	12

Innings,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Southbridge,	1	0	1	2	1	1	3	2	—11	
Holy Cross,	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	0—7	

Earned runs, Southbridge 4; Holy Cross 1. Two base hits, Cahill, Kelly. First base on errors, Southbridge 6; Holy Cross 7. First base on being hit by pitched ball, O'Callahan. First base on balls, Lovely, Kane 2, Dillaher, O'Neil, McCaffrey. Struck out, Lovely, Brennan 2, Healy 2, O'Neil, Cahill, Kelley, O'Callaghan, Donnelly, Barnes, Neary. Double plays, Cahill and McCaffrey, Dillaher and Edmunds. Wild pitches, Healy 1, Kelley 1. Passed balls, Kane 9, Cahill 3. Time, 2 hours, 25 minutes. Umpire, Shields of Southbridge.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Wall, former residents of Southbridge, having moved into their new residence, No. 305 Pleasant street, Worcester, erected for them by his father, James H. Wall of Boston, entertained relatives and friends Thursday from Boston, Danielsonville and this town, making a pleasant social Thanksgiving day and one enjoyed by all.

—Miss Ida Plimpton of the Dennison district, invited her scholars to tea and spend the evening Tuesday. Fourteen of them were present and report a good time.

Globe Council.

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The picnic in which so much interest had been manifested and for the holding of which last Tuesday such ample preparations had been made, had to be postponed because of the rain. But if the members of the association were compelled to forego the anticipated pleasures of the picnic, the rain did not deter them from carrying out the program of the evening's festivities. A business session of the council was held early in the evening, at which were present, as the council's official guests, Herbert A. Boynton of Cambridge, and B. F. Spilman of Roxbury, grand vice leader and grand secretary of the order, respectively. During the meeting addresses were made by the above named officers, which were listened to with interest and pleasure by the members of the council. At the close of the business session the doors were opened to the invited guests. After a few moments of social chat, Worthy Leader Bigelow called the assembly to order when the following exercises were given: Solo, "Thy Sentinel Am I," J. Fred Fiske; cornet solo, Thomas Oldham; reading, "Women of Mumbleshead," Miss Mary Ellis; solo, "Some Day," Miss Lizzie Alden; duet, "Larboard Watch," J. F. B. Litchfield and J. Fred Fiske. Accompanist, Miss May Oldham. At the close of the above program, the ladies of the council served a plentiful repast and this was followed by a general good time, participated in by all.

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The Electric Light Plant.

Knowing that the plant of the Southbridge Electric Company is nearing completion, a JOURNAL reporter visited the same one day this week and through the courtesy of George H. Wade, the electrician of the Thomson-Houston Company who has charge of the work, obtained the following facts:

The building is of brick 55x35, one story high, with slate roof. It is situated near the railroad track so as to allow coal to be dumped from the cars nearly into the boiler room. The floor space is divided into boiler room, and engine and dynamo room. The boiler room is of sufficient size to take two boilers. The foundation of both boilers are now put in, and one boiler of a capacity of 75 H. P., is now set, the setting being done by the Jarvis Engine Company, and fitted with one of their patent furnaces. In this room are also placed the pump and steam piping necessary to connect the boiler with the engine, all of which is of sufficient capacity to accommodate two boilers and engines. The floor of this room is concrete and brick, making the room fire proof.

The engine and dynamo room is of a size sufficient for two engines and four dynamos. One-half of the space over head in this room is floored over and fitted up as a supply room for the plant. The foundations for the engine and dynamos are now in, and one engine and two dynamos are set. The engine is of high speed, one of the Armington & Simms make, with dish crank capable of making 275 revolutions per minute and developing 60 horse power. The dynamos are of the Thomson-Houston manufacture and a capacity of 50 arc lights each. These dynamos are connected with the circuits by a switch board, and are protected from thunder storms by six lightning arresters, which have a ground wire. The circuits are three in number, viz: One for Centre Village street lights, one for those at the Globe and one for the commercial business of the plant. The amount of wire used in these circuits is about 14 miles. It is covered with an insulation known as the "Campbell," which is one of the very best, and especially manufactured to prevent leakage of the current, in consequence of damp or rainy weather. Our citizens will appreciate the use of this wire, from the fact that very little cutting of trees will be necessary to prevent grounders on the circuit. The poles which carry the wires are of cedar, and were carefully trimmed and smoothed before being set up. They are now being painted and will make a very neat appearance when completed. They are 25 feet out of the ground for those carrying the wire, and 30 feet for those holding the lamps. At places where the lamps will be hidden by the trees, Brady mast arms have been used, which carry the light out over the street 14 feet from the pole. At the junction of Main, High and Hamilton streets, the light will be hung on a cable and will be suspended directly over the centre of the street. When the plant was started Mr. Robinson, the agent of the Thomson-Houston Company, remarked that he intended to have as good a plant in town as any town possessed, and it looks as if he had carried that idea out. By vote of the town the company will have 40 arc lights in the streets. They have also secured a large amount of commercial business, and contemplate adding an incandescent machine to accommodate parties who have made application to have their houses lighted. If this is done an engine and boiler of capacity sufficient to run the motors for the street car company, in addition to this incandescent dynamo, will be added. The lights of the company will be started not far from Sept. 1. The electric lighting business is past its experimental state, and the citizens of Southbridge are to be congratulated on having it established in town on so substantial a basis. The new company has our best wishes for its success.

The Congregational Choir at Fiskdale.

A Sturbridge gentleman sends us the following in regard to the concert given by the Southbridge Congregational church choir in Fiskdale, Tuesday evening:

"It is rare to see a finer company of men and women than those who constitute the choir of the Southbridge Congregational church who gave their fine concert in School-house hall, Tuesday evening. Their dress, movements, time, tones, selections and rendering of music merit our praise and gratitude. The concert was a great musical success but did not opulently materialize for the purchase of the organ, the object of their efforts. As a chorus they have strength, sweetness and expression. Mr. Monroe has a resonant and attractive voice and handles the melodic baton well. Dr. Allen and wife with a long line of tuneful ancestors, would be obliged to do something odd and unnatural to sing ill. Miss Annie Cummings was happy and tender and beautiful in her inartificial musicalness. Miss Stone, with ease and grace and power, touches the difficult notes of a charming song. Also in trio and chorus her voice rounded up the volume of sound with richness. To say that Mr. Rowley gave two selections on the violin is to say that we had the product of talent and training seldom found in provincial towns. Mr. Wheelock and Mrs. Morse sang with delicacy and power. Mrs. White played the piano in a nice and symthetic oneness with the singing. We hope this company will favor other towns with their entertainment and realize a pecuniary return which their work and talents deserve."

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Home Circle Social.

Last Monday evening the members of Globe Council with invited guests assembled in Home Circle hall for the purpose of celebrating the birthday of their friend and leader, C. H. Bigelow. The early evening's program included parlor games, piano selections by Miss May Oldham, solos by Miss Lizzie Alden, J. Fred Fiske and readings by Miss Louie Cheney of Seneca Falls, N. Y. Hot coffee, doughnuts and cake were served by the lady members of the council. Following the collation B. W. Paton, as master of ceremonies, called to order and called upon W. E. Alden, jr. for a few remarks. Mr. Alden addressing Mr. Bigelow stated that those assembled were present for the purpose of making him a birthday gift. At an opportune time in Mr. Alden's remarks J. S. Gleason brought from the ante room an elegant easy chair and placed beside Mr. Bigelow. After the presentation of the chair, Miss R. B. Paige made Mr. Bigelow a present of a satin tidy, preceding the presentation by reading an original poem. I. J. McKinstry then presented Mr. Bigelow with a sealed envelope, stating as he did so that it came from a friend not a member of the council. Mr. Bigelow opening the envelope found its contents to be three pieces of paper. On one of these was written congratulations and the other two can be exchanged for gold at any bank in the country. Mr. Bigelow was quite overcome by the presentations, but all present realized the sentiments of his heart even though he had not the power to express them. After the presentation ceremonies the assembly enjoyed another social hour before returning to their homes.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Contributed

Topic for meeting next Monday evening is: "Christ receiveth sinful men," Matt. ix:9–13.

The entertainment committee is fast closing up the arrangements for the Star course. The drawing for reserved seats will take place in the association rooms at 7 o'clock Friday evening, Nov. 11.

An instructor for the gymnasium is being arranged for by the committee. He will give class drills etc. on Friday evenings during the season.

Members should attend to the renewal of their membership, that they may be entitled to the star course and other benefits.

A Coming Attraction.

The Lilhatansu Ladies' Quartette of Milford, assisted by Madame M. H. Ricard of Haverhill, reader, humorist and impersonator, will give a concert and entertainment in Edwards Opera House, Friday evening, Oct. 21, under local auspices. The quartette is one of the best ladies' quartettes in New England and have gained an enviable reputation for excellent singing wherever they have appeared. All lovers of good music should not miss this opportunity of hearing them.

Madame Ricard is well known as one of the most pleasing and interesting readers before the public. Her character impersonations alone are well worth the price of admission.

Tickets for the entertainment have been placed at the low price of 35 cents and can now be obtained in advance at the JOURNAL office, Hartwell's drug store, Bigelow's news room, Globe Village, or of J. C. F. Wheelock, C. D. Monroe, G. A. Cheney, M. P. Foster.

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Some Large Pay Rolls.

The Hamilton Woolen Company disburses among its nine hundred employes on every Wednesday afternoon $7,500. The time consumed by paymasters McKinstry and Hill in distributing this sum, from the drawing of it from the bank to the paying of the last individual amount, is but three hours. But thirty minutes of this three hours is required in travelling from mill to mill, thus the actual time spent in paying off the help is only two and one-half hours.

The difference in the present system of paying the help and that in vogue thirty years ago forcibly illustrates the extent to which the economy of labor has been brought in manufacturing establishments since that date. Then, each of the hands, on the old familiar "15th," went to the counting room, signed his or her name to the pay roll, and received their money. An entire day was then required to pay off the help in the big mill alone. Now Messrs. McKinstry and Hill accomplish more in three hours than was done at that period, in an aggregate time of two days at the least.

The weekly pay roll of the Central Mills Company is $800. Their pay day is Thursday. Their system of paying off the help is the envelope plan, that is, the money owing each one is put in an envelope in the office, and then distributed to each individual in the factories.

A comparison of the existing pay roll of the American Optical Company with that of the Spectacle Company in Southbridge twenty-two years ago, which afterwards formed the nucleus of the American Optical Company, tells in a few words the story of the marvelous growth and prosperity of this great industry. Twenty-two years ago last April, George W. Wells, the present treasurer of the concern, went to work for the original company. The number of hands then in its employ was twelve and the sum of $150 paid their weekly earnings. Today, the American Optical Company has in its employ 655 persons and their weekly earnings amount to $6,500, which they receive on Saturday. Before the close of another season their new factory at Lensdale will be in operation, when the number of persons in the company's employ will be very materially increased, and consequently the pay roll. The total amount distributed by the three concerns, weekly, is $14,800.

Y. W. C. T. U. Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. at the Baptist church last Thursday evening the following officers were elected: President, Miss E. A. Vinton; vice presidents, Misses May Stebbins, Idella Brewster, Ida Varner, Carrie Cheney; vice-president at large, Miss May Northup; treasurer, Miss Minnie Cady; recording secretary, Miss Valletta Paine; corresponding secretary, Miss Minnie French; superintendents, Miss Rose Letcher, press work; Miss M. E. Pomfret, juvenile; Misses Brown and Kate Edwards, flower mission; Miss M. E. Remington, devotional work; lecture committee, Mrs. Frank Bacon, Mrs. N. Jackson; finance committee, Misses Vinton, Stebbins and French.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

—The big pond froze from shore to shore Monday night.

—A. W. Martin will spend Thanksgiving with his family in town.

—Mrs. T. W. Stevenson has returned from her visit to relatives in Maine.

—G. W. Oakman of Boston, well known in town, visited here the past week.

—Mrs. Mary Hewins of Brockton is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Keith.

—Channing Wells is at home for a week's vacation from Nichols academy, Dudley.

—P. H. Carpenter & Co., have received their second car load of potatoes from Maine.

—Orra Parker of Framingham, a brother of James F. Parker, was his guest the present week.

—George A. Millay of Taunton, once an insurance agent in Southbidge, visited in town the past week.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Bacon and family of Willimantic, Ct,, are the guests of her father, Nelson Eccleston.

—Fred Davis of Livingston, Missouri, and a nephew of Joseph and Samual Williams, is in town for a few weeks.

—There will be a service for children in the parlors of the Congregational church next Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

—Dr. Allen has purchased one of Frank Parker's Michigan wagon's, which he thinks just the thing for the guild.

—Miss Lizzie Wells, who has spent the summer in town with relatives, leaves for her home in Lima, Ohio, Friday morning.

—There will be a Union Thanksgiving service at the Union church tomorrow morning commencing at 10.45. Sermon by Rev. S. Hayward.

—The roof of the tenement house, belonging to John O. McKinstry on Central street, has been slated by A. Deslauriers the past week.

—A. R. Webster, formerly clerk of the Converse House, New Haven, Ct., has been employed as assistant clerk in the C. A, Dresser House.

—The season now coming to a close has been a busy one with local painters. Many citizens have had their residences repainted. This week P. M. Clarke is repainting William Comstock's residence in colors.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. J Suprenant are rejoicing over the birth of a son, the little fellow having made his arrival last Sunday morning. Of their eight children this is the first boy born to them.

—At the annual meeting of the National Association of Woolen Overseers which is being held in Boston today, C. M. Cooke, a former overseer of the Hamilton Woolen Co's. finishing department, will read an essay on cloth finishing.

—Rev. Henry Hyde, pastor of the First Congregational church in Holyoke, and once a resident of Southbridge, has received an invitation to become the pastor of the Third Congregational church in Chicopee at a salary of $2,000 a year.

—The entertainment given in Edwards opera house last Thursday evening, by an amatur dramatic company from Spencer, was well attended. The acting was good and the singing and cornet playing received well deserved applause.

—Last Friday evening Henry Greenwood with Joseph Bebo's dog hunted and killed two coons, one of which weighed 19 pounds, the other 13. Thus far this season Messrs. Greenwood, Bebo and the dog have killed 19 coons.

—Edward H. Ammidown of New York, a son of the late Holmes Ammidown, and well known in Southbridge, is one of the directors of the New York Press, Frank Hatton's new daily paper, which will make

—The new two story, two tenement house which J. M. Olney is building on the Charlton City road will be, when finished, one of the best houses of its kind in Southbridge. We understand it is the first of a number to be erected by Mr. Olney, along that road.

—Laban Underwood of Woodstock, recently arrested by Sheriff Jacobs on a charge of selling bad eggs, was brought before Judge Jillson last Monday morning for trial, and discharged for want of evidence. J. M. Cochran for defendant.

—The price of potatoes which has been of an upward tendency for the past month has reached high water mark and is now receding. Ten days ago $1.20 a bushel was asked for the best grade, now the best quality state of Maine Early Rose can be had for $1.10 a bushel, while a good, sound Prince Edward Island potato can be purchased for 95 cents.

A Short Town Meeting.

The town meeting held Saturday was quite well attended and of short duration, it lasting but a little more than 20 minutes. It was evident from the first that the opponents of a system of sewerage at present were in the majority. Consequently the time was not consumed in speech making by either side. The only remarks made were by A. H. Wheeler in opposition to and W. C. Barnes in favor of the project. The meeting organized with the choice of J. M. Cochran as moderator. It was voted: That all the votes of the town meeting held Nov. 8 instant upon articles 8, 9, and 10 of the warrant for said meeting be and hereby are rescinded, annulled and declared null and of no legal force or effect.

The passage of this vote discharged the committee on sewerage and caused an indefinite postponement of the whole question.

Adjourned.

Hymeneal.

Of the four marriages which occurred in Southbridge last Monday morning two were at Notre Dame church and two at St. Mary's. The contracting parties at St. Mary's church have a wide circle of acquaintances in town and the weddings were of more than usual interest. The first was that of Mary Eliza, oldest daughter of John Dunn, one of the oldest of our Irish citizens, and Joseph H. Gordon of Providence, R. I., who five years ago was employed in the Hamilton Woolen Co's. print works. The marriage took place at 6 a. m., the ceremony being performed by Rev. James Donahue. The bride was attired in a mahogany colored silk with iridescent trimmings, with hat to match. The groom wore the customary black dress suit. James Kildair of Providence was best man and the bride's sister, Miss Margaret, was the bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon left on the 7 a. m. train for Olneyville, R. I. where they will permanently reside.

At 8.30 o'clock John Tully and Miss Katie Lafford were married. The ceremony was performed with a nuptial mass, and the services were impressively beautiful. The bride's dress was of a novel, rich and pleasing shade of satin, produced by the combination of a peacock blue and green, and the beauty of her attire was seemingly enhanced by the absence of trimmings. George Tully, the groom's brother, and Miss Nellie Lafford, the bride's sister, were best man and bridesmaid, respectively. Mendelsoshn's wedding march was played upon the organ as the wedding party passed up the aisle. The wedding music comprised

Werner's mass in C; offertory, solo, "Veni Creator," M. J. Tully; "O Salutarius," Fredonia march. The last piece was played as the wedding train left the church. Mr. and Mrs. Tully left for a wedding tour on the 1.30 p. m. train. On their return they will make their home for the winter with Mrs. Tully's mother.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

—Miss Sanie Bugbee is sick with typhoid fever.

—Thomas Hayes, Dr. Solomon's agent, is in town.

—The Y. W. C. T. U. anniversary will be held Dec. 6.

—The Charlton Universalist society has purchased a new organ of S. Dresser.

—Henry C. Dresser is at home from Phillips Exeter academy for Thanksgiving.

—Miss Annie Marble is spending her Thanksgiving with friends in Springfield.

—Photographer Lovell has taken a cabinet sized view of the electric light station.

—E. C. Ellis received a car load of Maine and Prince Edward Island potatoes the past week.

—Crowds of boys were skating this morning on the Southbridge Optical Company's pond.

—John Gunn of Webster was in town last Saturday inspecting the piping at the electric light station.

—Miss Edith Cheney is at home for a week's vacation from the State Normal school at Worcester.

—Mrs. Marie A. Parkhurst of Saratoga, N. Y., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Dr. Parkhurst, at the Dresser House.

—The two houses which C. D. Paige has built on Elm street are completed and will be ready for occupancy in about a week.

—Mrs. Leonard Cheney has gone to Worcester to live with her daughter. She lived in Southbridge for a period exceeding fifty years.

—The chimney of the Lensdale factory is completed and the removal of the staging about it shows a handsome, finely proportioned and well built structure.

—Mrs. Ellen A. Brockway, a daughter of Marcus Dillaber, died at her home in Providence, last Friday. Her body was brought to Southbridge, Monday, and buried from the Baptist church, Tuesday at 2 p. m.

—A gentleman, who has attended the international and state Y. M. C. A. conventions for many years, stated in last Saturday's Boston Traveller that the recent convention in Southbridge was the best one he ever attended.

—James Pickerstaff, seven years old, whose parents reside at the corner of Main and Morris streets, had his right leg broken last Sunday by a falling plank in J. M. & L. D. Clemence's box shop yard. Dr. Bulfinch set the leg and he is getting along finely.

—After the removal of the electric light near the railroad station to its designated position on Hamilton street, the selectmen will have placed at the station, if it is deemed necessary, another light, which will be lighted only during the time of the arrival of the evening train.

—The supply of poultry in the local markets today is large with a corresponding demand. Turkeys sell at an average of 20 cents a pound, chickens at 18. The quality of the turkeys is better than for some years past, while that of chickens is exceptionally fine.

—Court Southbridge A. O. F., with invited guests, celebrates its eight anniversary this (Wednesday) evening with a dance and supper. The dancing will take place in Dresser opera house, music by Southbridge concert orchestra. The supper will be served in Dresser small hall; J. J. Bowlen, caterer.

—The Hamilton Woolen Company and the Central Mills Company each have large stocks of cotton on hand that was purchased prior to the recent sharp advance in the price of that article. The last named company purchase their cotton direct from the compress.

—The exhibition of the Standard sewing machine, which was announced to be held in Dresser small hall, will be made in Dresser opera house instead. The house will be lighted with electric lights on this occasion. The exhibition opens next Monday and will remain open until the following Wednesday evening.

—To put it mild it is a pleasing sight on town meeting days to see the voters pass right by the street entrance of Dresser opera house, where the meeting is to be held, swing around the corner on to Elm street and up that street to the old Town Hall site, before realizing their mistake. The remarks of some that made the mistake last Saturday, were anything but elegant.

—The athletic exhibition given in Dresser opera house last Friday evening was not attended by so large a number as it was thought would be present. The house was three-quarters filled, and those present seemed to enjoy the evening's sport, which was marred by no accident or disorder. The features of the exhibition were the sparring of Jack Murphy of Boston and Patrick Howard of Southbridge, and of C. L. Roberts and Collis Boucher, both of Southbridge. The exercises were varied with clog dancing by Boulanger, singing by James McCoy of New York and cornet solos by George Faro and Thomas Oldham.

—The Bohemian-Americam glass blowers are giving nightly exhibitions at Edwards opera house, and on Saturday afternoon there will be a matinee and baby show, when all visitors will receive a present of glass work. An evening with them is alike profitable and entertaining. Last evening a good sized audience watched the men transform the bars of glass into all manner of fanciful designs, with the keenest interest. In a glass case on the stage is a wax doll, some 20 inches in height, clothed in a glass dress, the only one ever made entirely of this material. It took six months to make it. and there are 24,000 miles of glass yarn in the fabric. The dress is as flexible as silk. The glass engine composed of 5,000 separate pieces and on which one years time was spent in its manufacture, is a wonderful piece of mechanism. It is run by an electric motor.

C. L. S. C.

The circle will meet Thursday, Dec. 1, with Miss Minnie French. Roll call to be answered by proverbs. General discussion on civil service reform.

Evening Schools.

At a meeting of School Committee on Monday evening, it was decided to open two evening schools in each village.

The following were appointed to take charge of the schools: J. M. Ammidown, Henry S. Stevenson and Lendal Houghton; assistants, Miss Nellie Ryan, James Plimpton and Wilford J. Litchfield. The girl's schools at the Plimpton street and Carpenter school houses will open next Monday evening. The superintendent has enrolled over 100 names.

G. A. R. Lecture Course.

The lecture by Charles N. Thomas in Dresser opera house Tuesday evening, which was the first in the G. A. R. course, was listened to by a fair sized audience. The views of the battles and scenes of the war thrown upon the canvas by the stereopticon were excellent and are pronounced by old soldiers truthful representations of the conflict. The speaker's style of giving his lecture is pleasing, his enunciation clear and distinct and his descriptions and portrayals easy to understand and follow.

The next lecture in the course will be corporal Tanner's, "Soldier Life—Grave and Gay," Monday evening, December 19.

Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The work of grading the original portion of the cemetery, a part of which was completed last year, was resumed this fall and continued until last Saturday, when the money appropriated for the work was expended. This season's work of grading has been done on the westerly part of the ground. The sand and loam used for filling was obtained at the south end of the cemetery and thus so much expense was saved. As the work of grading has progressed the gravestones whose inscriptions faced to to the west have been reversed and now one can read the inscriptions as they pass along the avenue leading to Main street.

Among the new monuments which have been placed in the cemetery this fall is one on Thomas Reed's lot. It is made of Rockport granite and is of the "cottage" style of architecture. Another is one erected to the memory of Leonard Cutler. This also is of Rockport granite. It is of a pleasing design and finely proportioned, and being placed on an exceptionally well formed lot shows to excellent advantage. Another monument similar in design to the two above mentioned and of the same material has been placed on the lot of the late Albert N. Chamberlain.

Paying an Election Bet.

The excitement incidental to the election subsided almost entirely with the making known of the result on Wednesday morning. The only after event of public interest was the paying of an election bet made between A. J. Johnson and A. W. Tiffany on the election of governor. The bet was that the loser should wheel the winner from the American Optical Company's works to the Dresser house. Mr. Johnson having bet on Mr. Lovering it devolved on him to pay the bet. This he did handsomely and willingly last Friday evening. Soon after 6 o'clock the procession headed by a drum corps started from the shop. The line of march was brilliantly illuminated by the constant firing of Roman candles and the burning of red fire. Arriving at the finish line the crowd, which at this time was numbered by the hundreds, gave three cheers for Mr. Johnson, three for Gov. Ames and three for Representative Haggerty, and then dispersed.

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—The entire display of the Standard Sewing Machine Company at the recent Mechanics fair in Boston will be re-exhibited in Dresser small hall commencing Monday evening and continuing through Wednesday evening. The exhibition will be free and cannot fail to be of great interest.

—Frank, the oldest son of Dr. Franklin Gauthier, whose convalesence from a severe attack of pneumonia was noted in a recent issue of the JOURNAL, had a relapse of the disease from which he died last Saturday. His funeral was held from the Methodist church, Tuesday at 2.30 p. m., Rev. W. J. Pomfret officiating.

—The supper given by the young people of the Union church last Thursday evening was, considering the storm that prevailed at the time, well attended. The supper itself was one of the best, and the young folks of the church are deserving of all the praise they have received for doing so well.

—Last Friday was an unlucky day for William Comstock. Early in the day he closed the door of his safe on his right hand thumb, squeezing it to the extent of taking off the nail. Later on in the day while attempting to open a can of fruit the cutter slipped and struck the palm of his left hand near the wrist, cutting a gash to the bone and nearly an inch in length.

—The Central Baptist church has an organization known as the "church at work." The organization is subdivided into the following committees: On visitation, the sick, young men, young women, Sunday school, hotels and boarding houses, temperance, highway and hedge, strangers. A four page folder has been printed at the JOURNAL office giving a list of committees, the duties of each, and the name of those constituting the several committees.

An Attraction for Thanksgiving Week.

Next week the famed Bohemian-American glass blowers will present for six nights at Edwards opera house, their ever popular world's wonders in glass and the mammoth crystal electric pumping engine. Grand free distribution of Bohemian crystal ornaments manufactured by the company each evening. On Tuesday evening an elegant crystal prize for the handsomest lady in the hall, on Wednesday the homeliest man in town will receive an elegant Turkish smoking pipe, Thursday evening the best lady dancer will receive an elegant crystal prize, also the best gentleman dancer on Friday evening. Saturday afternoon grand baby show, all visitors receiving a present of our work. An elegant design valued at $25 will be presented to the baby receiving the largest number of votes during the week; voting free. The entertainment will conclude each evening with the ever popular social hop, to which all are invited free of extra charge.

Dresser Street Hill Improvement.

The Messrs. Hilton, contractors for the Dresser street hill work, have completed their labors, and this week removed their machinery from town. The work has been done strictly in accordance with the contract. They have received in all $3,500. Of this amount 75 per cent was paid them, as the work progressed, the payments being made fortnightly. Besides this, they have builded, of their own accord, a stone monument some 30 feet high on the spot where the town of Southbridge once voted to build a High school house "way over in the wilderness."

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TOWN MEETING NO. 2.

A New High School Building to be Erected.

The Corner of Main and Marcy Streets the Chosen Location.

Pursuent to a vote of the town at its annual meeting an adjourned meeting was held Monday afternoon commencing at 2 o'clock. Several articles that were refered to the selectmen at the annual meeting with instructions to report their doings thereon at this meeting were acted upon. The sum of two hundred dollars was appropriated for the improvement of the Sayles road. The election of a Board of Health consisting of three members was next in order. Only one ticket appeared in the field. This bore the names of Dr. G. G. Bulfinch, S. K. Edwards and Dr. T. L. Paton and they were unanimously elected. Selectman Wheeler made a motion that the compensation of the members of the Board of Health be $150 for the ensuing year which was adopted. Article 35, another of the articles refered to the selectmen, which was to see if the town would purchase or construct a building for storing tools, was, on the recommendation of Mr. Wheeler recommitted to the board for further action, as owing to the sickness of his colleagues they had been unable to act upon it. Article 36 was next taken up, and Mr. Wheeler recommended an appropriation of $1200 for the completion of the repairs on the Columbian road. This closed the minor business of the meeting. The hearing of the report of the special committee appointed to consider article 30 of the town warrant was next in order. A. W. Martin, a member of, and clerk of the special committee, read their report, which was listened to with interest. It showed that the committee had in the brief time allotted to them, made a searching investigation of the subject, and no one who was in the hall at the time could fail to perceive that the views of the committee therein presented were heartily approved of by the great majority of those in attendance. The committee's report shrewdly anticipated all objections that would naturally be raised against their recommendations and conclusivly answered them. Without doubt, could a motion have been made, immediately after its reading, to accept and adopt it without debate, the meeting would have done so with the same decisiveness exhibited later. The essential features of the report were.

First that a building to be used exclusively by the High school be erected.

Second, that the lot of ground on the corner of Main and Marcy streets, belonging to the estate of the late Jedediah Marcy, be chosen as the most favorable situation, taking into consideration availability, accesibility and good general surroundings.

Third, that the cost of such a building complete, including the land, will not exceed $20,000, which sum the committee deem ample for the purpose. In the report was an emphatic recommendation that the town, in view of the present undesirable condition of the grammar schools, erect upon a designated spot of land within a period of time, not exceeding five years, a building to be used as a grammar school by all the scholars of this grade in town. The committee also prepared votes to aid in carrying out the suggestions contained in their report should it be accepted and adopted. These votes were as follows:

First, that the town designate the lot of land situated at the corner of Maine and Marcy streets, formerly occudied by the late Jedediah Marcy, measuring 130 feet on Main street by 200 feet on Marcy street as a suitable location.

Second, that the selectmen be authorized to negotiate for the purchase of the lot or to take the same according to lease.

Third, that the town erect upon said lot a school building for the High school alone, sufficient for its present and future needs, so far as can be foreseen.

Fourth, that the sum of $20,000 be raised and appropriated for the erection of said building and that the treasurer be authorized to borrow said money and give the notes of the town, payable as follows, $5000 to be paid November 1, 1888; $5000 to be paid November 1, 1889; $5000 to be paid November 1, 1890; $5000 to be paid November 1, 1891.

Upon the report being submitted to the meeting, Rev. S. Hayward moved its acceptance; A. J. Bartholomew moved an amendment to this that it be accepted and adopted. The above actions brought the report before the meeting and the discussion that ensued lasted until past 5 o'clock, although as already stated the manifest sentiment of the meeting was overwhelmingly in favor of a school building, for the exclusive use of the High school. Undoubtedly many of the friends of the High school project alone, as well as those who favored a combined High and grammar school building, came prepared with speeches, the results of long and deep meditation and they did not relish the idea of not being allowed the opportunity of firing off their pent up eloquence. The speeches were, many of them, worthy the time and the occasion. Some sharp thrusts were given and received, as also were there a number of brilliant bon mots and repartees. Taken as a whole the speaking excelled anything of a like nature ever before heard at one of our town meetings. Charles Haggerty electrified the audience by his calm, clear, but emphatic support of a High school building and we

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only echo the general sentiment when we pronounce it the speech of the day. Previous to the final adjournment of the meeting the resignation of Augustus Cook as one of the auditors was announced by the moderator and C. W. Johnson was elected in his place.

Among those who participated in the discussion of the special committee's report was Rev. Joseph Danielson, who thought it wiser to have the High and grammar schools combined, and called for the reasons why such a plan was not recommended. G. W. Wells, chairman of the special committee, said: "Our reasons for presenting the report as it is, are, we believe, for the best. The land we recommend for the purpose cannot probably be purchased; therefore it will have to be condemned, and the law will not allow the taking of more than one-half acre besides the spot occupied by the building. The piece of land contains 2,600 feet. I will say, however, that the committee viewed in all seven different locations. But taking everything into consideration, the location we recommend seems to us to be the best."

A. H. Wheeler advocated the purchasing of a piece of land directly to the north of the piece designated by the committee, and erecting thereon a combined High and grammar school building. He said that this land could be purchased and not have to be condemned. He thought it wrong to build a school house on the Main street and so near private residences. He said a school building was at times and in certain localities, a nuisance.

S. T. Cutting wanted to know if this was the only lot in town on which a school building could be erected. "If I was one of the abuttors I wouldn't have a school house there for $500," said Mr. Cutting.

G. W. Wells. As I have remarked, we viewed seven different locations. But the article in the warrant confined us to Main and Marcy streets.

Mr. Cutting. Then why not go to the end of Marcy street? Proceeding, Mr. Cutting said that the Main street school house was a nuisance on account of it being so near the street and spoke of people being snowballed the past winter while passing by.

J. M. Cochran took the floor and in a forcible speech of considerable length, advocated the building of a combined High and grammar school building. This he would locate on the lot of land belonging to Dr. West. Here for a slight additional cost could be erected a combined building. After the completion of the proposed extension of Pine street, the entrance to the grammar school could be from this street, while the entrance to the High school could be from Marcy street. A board fence could be built that would separate the school yards. Thus the two schools would be practically as far apart as though they were in two separate buildings.

Dr. H. D. West was surprised that the committee should recommend the purchase of only one-half an acre of land. He was also surprised that gentlemen should speak of our High school scholars as nuisances. He earnestly advocated better and more suitable rooms for the schools, as the present sanitary condition of all, or nearly all of them, was abominable and a disgrace to the town.

Mr. Wheeler resented the imputation of Dr. West that he had called the scholars nuisances. What he did say was that a school building in certain localities was a nuisance.

Mr. Leonard. We who have and those who have not brains, as well as the voters here assembled, no doubt will accept Mr. Wheeler's apology.

Mr. Haggerty was the next to take the floor. He presented evidence from educators from various towns and cities in the commonwealth sustaining the High school alone, theory. His speech was an earnest appeal to the town to construct such a building.

Dr. Bulfinch asked if the curriculum of the High school was not different from what it was 20 years ago. On being answered in the affirmative, he said a large building would be necessary and advocated a building for the High school alone.

Mr. Wheeler again advocated the building of a combined school. He refered to the letters read by Mr. Haggerty from teachers and thought the voters ought not to let them have influence in this case as the authors knew nothing of our needs. He said: "People have sought the advice of others in this matter, but I propose to paddle my own canoe."

Mr. Haggerty. You won't paddle it far.

Mr. Wheeler. I always have paddled my own canoe and have helped you paddle yours. Mr. Wheeler proceeding with his remarks and refering to the condition of our schools, spoke of the surroundings of the Main street school house as a nuisance.

Dr. Bulfinch. Why don't the selectmen abate the nuisance?

Mr. Wheeler. You are the board of health; take care of it.

Mr. Wheeler thought that the ablest and clearest presentation of this whole question had been the speech of Mr. Cochran.

V. W. Lamoureux advocated the building of a combined school house.

Rev. Mr. Hayward stated that it would be an advantage to have the scholars of the High and grammar grades near each other.

Rev. Mr. Magwire in a few well chosen sentences, urged the construction of a High school building.

Dr. Curtis thought a combined school the best.

A. J. Bartholomew in a speech of considerable length supported the committee's report. He eloquently told of the advantages accruing from a well regulated High school, and the inestimable advantages of having it in a building by itself. He held the close attention of his audience to the end of his speech.

Messrs. Hayward and Cochran again addressed the meeting after the close of Mr. Bartholomew's address.

—The Democratic caucus Wednesday evening resulted as follows: Delegates, state, S. K. Edwards, William C. Callahan, M. J. Suprenant, William D. Morse, Joseph Valdivia; county and councillor, Charles Haggerty, P. M. Clarke, P. N. LeClair, J. D. Blanchard, Michael Egan; senatorial, A. H. Wheeler, Henry A. Morse, Clement Begin, Thomas Thimblin, S. K. Edwards; representative, John J. Bowlen, Charles W. Weld, John Ryan, James M. Ammidown, V. W. Lamoureaux; town committee, S. K. Edwards, William D. Morse, J. J. Bowlen, Felix Gatineau, P. N. LeClair, James Callahan, J. H. Valdivia, John Ryan, Clement Begin, Charles Haggerty, M. J. Suprenant.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Contributed.

The committee for the coming year will be announced next week.

Young men's meeting next Monday evening from 8 to 9 o'clock. Topic: "Prepare the way for God's blessing," Mal. iii:6–12. All men are cordially invited.

Base Ball.

The home club went to Fisherville and defeated the Foxes of that place last Saturday. A large crowd were in attendance and the game was an interesting one. The distinguishing feature of the game was the catching of Dillaber, who played the game without an error. He also caught four foul tips and made three double plays. Kane played third base in place of M. Murphy whose lameness kept him at home. M. Shields of Southbridge umpired the game to the entire satisfaction of both clubs. The score:

SOUTHBRIDGE.

	AB.	R.	1B.	SB.	PO.	A.	E.
Brennan, ss. ...	4	2	3	2	3	1	0
Hall, 2b.....	4	0	2	2	2	4	3
Kane, 3b.....	4	0	0	0	2	1	0
Edmunds, 1b.....	4	2	3	2	11	0	0
Dillaber, c.....	4	1	1	0	5	2	0
Healy, p.....	3	0	0	1	0	2	0
T. Murphy, lf ...	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Bacon, rf...	3	0	0	0	2	1	0
Haggerty, cf.....	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
otals,	32	5	9	8	27	11	3

FOXES.

Messiur, rf.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Watson, ss.....	5	1	2	0	2	6	0
Ryan, c	4	1	1	0	6	2	3
McGovern, 2b....	4	1	1	0	1	1	2
Tessier, lf.....	4	0	0	0	2	1	1
St. Nuge, 1b. ...	4	0	1	1	10	1	1
Beaudreau, 3b...	4	0	1	0	2	1	4
Minhan, cf.....	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
Picture, p.....	4	0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals,	36	3	9	1	*23	14	10

*Brennan out, hit by batted ball.

Innings,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Southbridge, ...	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0		—5
Foxes, ...	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	—3

Earned runs, Southbridge 2, Foxes 1. Two base hit, Edmunds. First base on balls, Hall. First base on errors, Southbridge 3, Foxes 5. First base on being hit by pitched b ll, Messiur 2. Struck out, Kane 2. Double plays, Bacon and Edmunds, Hall and Edmunds, Dillaber and Edmunds. Wild pitches, Picture 4, Passed balls, Ryan 2. Umpire Shields of Southbridge. Time, 1 hour 30 minutes.

Tomorrow the Foxes of Fisherville play the Southbridge club on the home grounds. A splendid game can be counted on.

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At Lensdale.

Since our last in relation to the work at Lensdale, the dam of the old Columbian mill has been cut down to the water's edge, and as soon as the drawing off of the pond will permit, the bar will be cut down one foot lower. The completion of this work will improve the appearance of the new pond.

The excavation for the wheel pit has been completed and a large force of stone masons are busy in laying the heavy walls and in putting in the foundation for the wheels. The wheels are to be set on a foundation of fourteen inch yellow pine timber with a flooring of three inch yellow pine plank, the whole to rest on iron piers. The wheels are horizontal instead of perpendicular and will be the first of this description ever used in Southbridge. The excavating for the raceway is still going forward, but is much impeded by back water and it is doubtful if the work can be completed this season. The material taken from the raceway is made use of in raising the dyke along the new river channel. The dyke has been rip-rapped its entire length and seemingly no freshet will ever be sufficient to break through it.

In the building, a tier of brick is being laid between the studding. When this is completed the entire walls will be sheathed. The floor of the basement of the building is completed. It is made of three inch oak plank with a covering of inch white pine. Workmen are now engaged in finishing the first floor of the main building. This floor is made of three inch pine plank with a covering of inch white oak. The boards under the machinery are being laid at right angles with the unoccupied portion of the floor.

The stormy weather has prevented the completion of the chimney, and eighteen feet more is yet to be laid.

Thanksgiving Supplies.

With the approach of Thanksgiving our local mechants are busy getting in a supply of everything that is required to make the ideal dinner of the day. There is promise of poultry being in better condition this season than was the case last year, with prices ruling no higher even if not quoted at a lower figure. The supply of turkeys sold in town comes principally from Vermont, they being considered better than those from New York state and the west. There is no demand for geese and ducks until Christmas and then it is very limited. The prospect at the present writing is that prices of turkeys will range from 23 to 25 cents per pound. Chickens to this date have brought unusually high prices, not having been sold at less than 20 cents a pound. Whether the supply will be large enough to cause a decline next week, remains to be seen. Considerable home grown beef is being brought into the market just at present and taken on an average it surpasses that brought from the west. In vegetables there is a full supply, although prices as a rule are higher than for some years. Potatoes are selling at $1,10 to $1.20 per bushel, but the quality is extra good this year. Hubbard squashes are plenty at 3 cents a pound. Last year at this date they were selling at one cent a pound, Home grown cranberries are out of the market, but there are plenty of the Cape article at 10 cents a quart. Celery sells at from 20 to 35 cents a bunch. Fruit is abundant, both foreign and domestic. Figs sell at 20 cents a pound, raisins 12 to 18 cents, pears are scarce, but apples are plenty at 15 to 20 cents a peck. Catawba grapes are 10 cents a pound, Malagas 20.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

—It is a good time now to prune grape vines.

—Don't forget the glass blowers next week

—Look out for the Thanksgiving number of the JOURNAL issued next Wednesday.

—Hemlock boughs are one of the best of coverings for out of door plants and shrubs.

—Be sure to order the eight page illustrated Thanksgiving number of the JOURNAL.

—Elmer E. Bacon, looking as natural as ever, was in town for a short time the past week.

—Mrs. John Tatterson is visiting her brother-in-law, Judge Josiah G. Abbott, in Boston.

—J. and T. Ryan have rebuilt the line of woodsheds belonging to the Johnson house on Mill street.

—The house on Hamilton street occupied by Charles Haggerty and T. M. Place, is being repainted by P. M. Clarke.

—Mrs. Manning Plimpton has a cactus which at one time during the past week held one hundred and ten blossoms.

—William P. Spaulding, the leader and organizer of the bell ringers of that name, and well known in Southbridge, is dead.

—One of our local merchants recently purchased one hundred pounds of chocolate creams. And still not every girl is happy.

—At the Union church last Sunday morning the pastor's theme was, "The necessity of an unceasing service in God's work."

—S. C. Lakey has purchased the roll covering business of Major Goddard, whose ill health has compelled him to relinquish all active work.

—H. J. Conant, now of Worcester, but formerly of the firm of Cummings & Conant, Southbridge, was in town the past week

—Trumbull, the shoe blacking man, and his colored minstrel entertained a big audience in front of the Dresser House Saturday and Monday evenings.

—The N. Y. & N. E. railroad is now selling a limited ticket to New York, via. the Norwich line, for $2.78. Three dollars was the former price.

—Sol. Blanchard has made several alterations in his barber shop whereby he secures more space, besides adding to the convenience of the room.

—Miss A. M. Cahill, a former teacher in and at present an agent of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. S. Hayward the present week.

—The town meeting which is to be held Saturday at 2 p. m. in Dresser opera house, promises to be a lively one, as the subject has been the chief topic of conversation on the street this week.

—A dramatic and musical entertainment will be given this evening in Edwards opera house by an amateur company from Spencer, assisted by Napoleon Amelotte, cornet soloist, and other talent.

—The sparring match and athletic exhibition in Dresser opera house will take place tomorrow evening, and lovers of this kind of amusement will undoubtedly find it an interesting occasion.

—H. M. Clemence, auctioneer, will sell at auction on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the residence of Joseph H. Hathaway, near Charlton Centre, a lot of real estate and personal property.

—Rev. W. F. Thomas of Henthada, Burmah, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday and also address the Sunday school. The usual gospel service will be held in the evening.

—By advice of the hospital surgeon, Mrs. Edwin Dillaber went to Boston this morning with the intention of bringing Mr. Dillaber home this evening. If on his return he gains sufficient strength to endure the operation, his leg will be amputated again.

Before purchasing your Thanksgiving turkey or chickens, meat and vegetables examine the supply in Eugene Comstock's market. He calls particular attention to his crisp and nicely blanched celery, without which no Thanksgiving dinner is complete.

—M. M. Marble has had made for him a new butcher's wagon of the latest and most approved pattern. The new cart was put upon the road, Wednesday, in charge of W. S. Fitts who will work in a territory hitherto unoccupied by Mr. Marble. "Scott" has hosts of friends and we bespeak for him lots of success.

—Since purchasing the house on Hamilton street, used so many years by the Baptist society as a parsonage, its owner, Joseph D. Blanchard, has transformed it into a residence of modern style. The principal improvements have been completed by the putting on of a new coat of paint in colors, and now the house is one of the neatest on the street.

Ceremonies at Notre Dame Church.

The ceremony of the investiture of Rev. G. Elz. Brochu with the title recently conferred upon him by Pope Leo xiii took place last Thursday evening in Notre Dame church. The homes of many of the clergyman's parishioners were brilliantly illuminated during the evening. The rectory of the church was bedecked with Chinese lanterns and at intervals during the evening displays of fireworks were made. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Father Augier, O. M. I. of Montreal. The subject of his discourse was "The Catholic Priesthood." Following the sermon remarks were made by right Reverend Bishop O'Reilly. He told the parishoners that they should deem it an honor to have as their pastor a priest who has been honored by his holiness for his deeds of charity towards his fellowmen. Among the clegymen present were the following: Revs. Quan, Webster; J. Donahue, Southbridge; Augier, Montréal; Lefebvre, Montreal; M. Decelles, St. Roch de Richelieu, P. Q., Crevier, Indian Orchard; Perreault, Turner's Falls; Lamy, Three Rivers; Desaulniers, Pittsfield; Viens, Spencer; Legris, Webster; Bruneau, Gardner; Garcin, Woonsocket; Marchand, Graton and Mgr Brochu, Southbridge.

Y. W. C. T. U.

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Meeting for ladies as usual in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 4 o'clock, Thursday.

If arrangements can be made, the anniversary of the Y's will be held in the Congregational church Dec. 1. Miss Emma W. Bumstead, department secretary of the Y. W. C. T. U., is expected to give an address. Reports will be given from the different departments of the work.

Y. M. C. A. Star Course--Opening Concert

The first entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. Star course, a concert and reading, by Miss Elene B. Kehew of Boston, soprano; Miss Hattie J. Clapper of New York, contralto; Leopold Litchenberg of Boston, violinist; Miss Sadie S. Holmes of New York, reader; and Leon Keach of Boston, accompanist, was given in Edwards opera house Tuesday evening, and was well attended. Over 500 course tickets had been disposed of and enough single admission tickets were sold so that the audience filled nearly every seat in the hall. The audience was a large one, even for an opening night. Although Misses Kehew, Clapper and Holmes came before their audience as entire strangers, they were very favorably received. The first number on the program, an Italian selection by Miss Kehew, did not reveive the recognition from the audience awarded to other portions of the program. "The Legend of the Organ Builder," was nicely given by Miss Holmes, whose rendering of "She Wanted to Learn Elocution" was also well received. Mr. Lichtenberg's "Hungarian Rhapsody" and Miss Clapper's solos, "Springtide" and "The Lost Chord," received merited encores. Mr. Lichtenberg's last selections were received with great applause and the audience refused to be quieted until he responded to their recall with another selection. The duet by Misses Kehew and Clapper, which closed the evening's entertainment, was finely given and loudly applauded.

The next entertainment in the course, an illustrated lecture on "Mexico", by Prof. Ober of Boston, will be given Nov. 29.

BURGLARS AT WORK.

W. E. Alden's House at Globe Village Entered.

The residence of William E. Alden on Main street was entered by burglars last night and robbed of $120 in gold, two gold watches, one watch chain, two scarf pins and two gold finger rings. Entrance to the house was made through a parlor window in the rear of the building. The window fastener is an old fashioned thumb spring. The pane of glass next to it was broken and through this aperture a hand was thrust, the spring pushed back, and the window raised. Mr. Alden's bed room, which adjoins the parlor, was entered, and his wearing aparel was carried into the parlor and the pockets searched. In his pockets were the $120 in gold, a valuable gold watch and a negotiable $500 bond of the Fort Wayne, Cincinnati and Louisville R. R. The coin and watch were taken, but the thief or thieves evidently did not know the value of the bond, as it was afterwards found on the sofa. Miss Lizzie Alden's room was entered and her gold watch and chain were taken. On the second floor of the house the servant's room was entered and two finger rings were taken from her trunk. In Mr. Alden's room is a safe, but no attempt was made to open it. It being house cleaning time with Mrs. Alden her watch and jewelry were locked in this safe, so that her loss is only two scarf pins. While cleaning this room yesterday the safe key was removed from its accustomed place and on Mr. Alden's retiring for the night, finding the key gone and Mrs. Alden and Miss Lizzie away left his valuables in his pockets and went to bed giving the matter no further thought. Every unlocked bureau drawer in the house was ransacked, but not one of them was unlocked that was fastened. More or less burnt matches were found in the various rooms. The burglars made their exit through the front hall door. There is no clue whatever as to who are the robbers, but everything indicates it to be the work of local talent.

A Pleasant Occasion.

Miss Jennie F. Litchfield who has spent the past ten months in the west, returned home Wednesday evening. By a happy coincidence, the day was also the joint birthday of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Litchfield, it being his 60th and her 58th. They were invited to tea at Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cheney's, and about 8 p. m., some fifty of their relatives arrived bringing with them an exquisitely designed French marble clock. This was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Litchfield, in behalf of the family, by Charles Hyde in a neat address. Telegrams of congratulation were received from relatives in New York, Boston, Amherst and Sutton. After the presentation a collation was served.

Annual Visitation.

D. D. Grand High Priest George M. Rice, 2nd, of Worcester paid his annual visit to Doric chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Monday evening. After the close of the meeting in the lodge room the members of the chapter and their guest repaired to the Dresser House where a banquet was given in his honor.

The New Militia Company.

All the petitions for new militia companies have been acted upon adversely by the governor on the report submitted by the inspectors, except those coming from Lowell, Plymouth and Southbridge which are held for further consideration. This would seem to indicate that the Southbridge company stands a fair chance of gaining admittance.

Don't Want the Light Moved.

The selectmen have received a petition remonstrating against the removal of the electric light from in front of the railroad station to Hamilton street, as voted at the last town meeting.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

—Mrs. Edmund Comins is having her barn thoroughly repainted.

—The High school had but one session, Tuesday on account of the storm.

—Charles Marble has traded the horse he purchased last summer for a still faster one.

—Leonard Holden has been engaged by a New York tea house as a traveling salesman.

—Miss Ellen Stephens is visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Clemence, for whom she formerly worked.

—The sidewalk on the Mill street bridge has been thoroughly repaired during the past week.

—L. C. Parkhurst of Saratoga, N. Y., was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Dr. Parkhurst, last week.

—L. B. Coit of Norwich, Conn., is now employed as an engraver by the American Optical Company.

—The annual meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. will be held at the Baptist church at 7.30 o'clock this evening.

—Miss Mattie Plumley of Spencer spent last Sunday in town, the guest of her friend, Miss Cora Norris.

—Miss Mary Plimpton, florist, is adding to her already extensive range of glass a large line of cold frames.

—The number of books issued from the public library during the month of October was 1136. Number used in the rooms, 370.

—Rev. Gorham Easterbrook's theme at the Baptist church last Sunday morning was "The First Man."

—Henry G. Amidon, a well known former citizen, was in town Wednesday. His present home is in West Gardner.

—In probate court at Worcester, Tuesday, executor's accounts were allowed on the estate of S. M. Lane of Southbridge.

—The Universalist Social Club will meet next Monday evening at the house of Miss Bertha Clarke, Marcy street. A full attendance is requested promptly at 8 o'clock.

—The Blanchard family gave another concert of sacred songs at the residence of Joseph LaCroix on Chestnut street last Sunday evening.

—Rev. W. J. Pomfret preached in the school house in the Pratt neighborhood last Sunday evening before a large number of the people of that locality.

—Miss Annie Saunders of Lawrence, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. John Tatterson, is at their home and will stay during the absence of Mrs. Tatterson in Boston.

—Rev. J. Danielson and J. R. Amidon were members of the council at the installation of Rev. W. N. T. Dean as pastor of the first Congregational church at Oxford, Wednesday.

—The first of the series of lectures, under the auspices of Malcolm Ammidown post, G. A. R., will be given in Dresser opera house next Tuesday evening by Charles N. Thomas. It will be illustrated by the stereopticon.

—Mrs. Jane E. Hall has in her possession a portrait of her uncle, the late Joseph Congdon, formerly of Southbridge. It was painted in April, 1822, by the noted artist, Francis Alexander, and is considered by those who have seen it a fine piece of painting.

—Mrs. H. A. Gordon is employed on Saturday evenings as a clerk in H. T. Hyde & Co's store. She is not a novice at the business as she was formerly in the employ of Jordan, Marsh & Co., Boston.

—The drawing of seats for the Y. M. C. A. Star course took place in the association rooms last Friday eveniny, at which time 513 seats were taken. This is the largest number ever sold at the beginning of a course.

—Theodore Reynolds, a long time and much respected resident of Southbridge, died early Tuesday morning after a lingering illness. His funeral was held from his late residence on South street at 1.30 p. m. today, Rev. W. J. Pomfret officiating.

—J. A. White is in town, having returned from a three month's business trip west and south as traveling salesman for Theodore Harrington. Mr. White reports business as being good through the sections visited. He will remain in town until after Thanksgiving.

—The Salad & Co. supper given by the ladies of the Universalist society in the vestry of their church Wednesday evening was not so well attended as has been the case on former like occasions. The supper itself was complete in every feature, as those who sat down to the table can testify.

—The Y. M. C. A. gymnasium committee have secured the services of C. W. Stodder of Boston as instructor, and he will give the first lesson tomorrow evening commencing at 8 o'clock. Information in regard to the subject can be obtained of Reuben F. Herron, chairman of the committee.

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Prof. Ober on "Mexico."

The second entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. Star course, which was given Tuesday evening in Edwards opera house, was an illustrated lecture on Mexico by Prof. Ober. By way of prelude the speaker gave a short sketch of the discovery and conquest of the country by Hernando Cortez in 1520, but in the main the lecture concerned the Mexico of today and not of the past, for although nearly 360 years had elapsed since its conquest by the Spaniards, yet it is within the past decade alone that its vast material resources have been made known to the world, he said. Of the two routes which the traveller in going from Boston to the city of Mexico could take, the lecturer first described that leading down the Atlantic coast, touching at Cuba and Yucatan, and landing at Vera Cruz. Leaving the city of Vera Cruz, where he said the yellow fever and hurricanes raged for full half the year, the speaker took his audience, figuratively, across the country over the route taken by Cortez when he invaded the country of the Aztecs. While passing from Vera Cruz to the city of Mexico, views were given of almost every conceivable phaze of Mexican life. The descriptions and views of the country's silver mines, its table lands and volcanoes, and of its flora and vegetable kingdoms were especially interesting. The views incident to the city itself were principally of an architectural aspect and included exterior and interior illustrations of the cathedral, its plaza and lovely gardens. The route traversed by the railroad which first enters Mexico at El Paso, Texas, the speaker also described and illustrated. Of the railroad itself he said it is 250 miles in length and cost $40,000,000. In this portion of the lecture views were given of the cities of Chapultepec, Cherebusco and Caracoa, near which Maximillian was shot. Of the other views given, one was of the famed valley of Mexico where Montezuma with his army made their last stand against the Spanish soldiers. A series of views were given of the volcanoes Orizaba and Popocatapetl, the latter of which towers 18,000 feet above the sea level. There was a good sized audience present.

Standard Sewing Machine Exhibition.

The use of machinery has become such an important factor in the domestic economy of the present time, that a new invention or the marked improvement of an implement already in use, at once arrests the attention and piques the curiosity of the general public. The most pronounced feature of this generation is the large number of labor saving machines that the genius of the times has produced. Of the inventions of the day the sewing machine when considered in its practical utility and its great consequences and results upon the commercial life of the times takes precedance of all the useful inventions of the world. As a result of the continued use of machinery, mechanical exhibitions of whatever character, create a lively interest among the people. This was clearly shown at the free exhibition by Dresser & Co., of the Standard rotary shuttle sewing machine in Dresser opera house Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The entire exhibition was the very perfection of taste, skill and judgment. On the occasion the opera house was transformed into a veritable gallery of art needle work, and the fact that every article displayed was produced upon the "Standard" greatly enhanced the value of the exhibit. The etchings shown were objects of the most curious interest and admiration of the large numbers that attended the exhibition. One of these is a gladiator wonderfully true to nature, and so marvelously wrought in silk as to be pronounced the finest sample of its kind of work in the world. A combined land and marine view, also an etching, attracted much attention. The shadings in this and other pieces were wonderful. Among other etchings worthy of special note were a spray of autumn leaves and a bunch of single hollyhocks. The arasene work was exquisitely beautiful. A table scarf decorated with cotton blows and snowballs was justly admired. Heavy plush draperies composed the back-ground of the display. These draperies were decorated with applique work of the choicest and richest description. Suspended from the centre and top of the draperies was an exact representation in corded silk of the bobbin case of the machine. This was a novel and intricate piece of work. An easel scarf of lace and applique work on bouton cloth called for and received lots of attention. Many fine and curiously wrought samples of lace work were shown and also of tinsel work. The word "Standard" ingeniously worked in silk tinsel was placed at the top of the curtains forming the back-ground. This was the work of Julius S. Dresser, as was the etching of autumn leaves and a number of other samples of work.

Evening Schools.

With the beginning of the school for boys at the Plimpton street school house and that for girls at the Carpenter school house this evening, the evening schools will be in running order. The total number of pupils enrolled is 169. Of this number 109 are boys. The age of the scholars ranges from 14 to 21 years. The number of scholars at the Carpenter school is so large, being nearly 100, that they have been divided into three divisions. Each division will have two sessions a week. Boys of the higher grade will attend Monday and Tuesday, those of the second grade Wednesday and Thursday and the girls Friday and Saturday evenings. Lendall Houghton of North Woodstock teaches the boys at the Carpenter school with J. L. Plimpton as assistant. After this week Henry S. Stevenson will teach the girls at this school. He will have as his assistant Wiiford Litchfield. Mr. Steuenson also teaches the boys at tne Plimpton street school. The school for girls at the Plimpton street school is taught by J. M. Ammidown with George Grant and Miss Nellie Ryan as assistants.

Was It a Burglar?

About 1 o'clock Tuesday morning, J. W. Robinson who was lying in bed, but not asleep, heard some one walking on the piazza of his house. He immediately arose and as he had got half way down stairs he met Mrs. Walbridge, Mrs. Robinson's mother, who had also been awakened by the doise. A dog belonging to the household was let out of doors and the would be burglar took to his heels.

Republican Club Meeting.

There will be a club meeting of the Republican Club of Southbridge in Dresser small hall, tomorrow evening. All members are urgently requested to be present as business of importance will come before the meeting.

C. A. R. Annual Election of Officers.

The annual election of officers of Malcolm Ammidown post G. A. R., will take place next week Friday evening.

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The anniversary will be held in the Baptist vestry Tuesday evening, Dec. 6. Reports, an address by Miss Emma W. Bumstead of Boston, and a short social reception about 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Helen J. Rice of Boston, state superintendent of Sunday school and juvenile work, will give a temperance address in the Methodist church at 7.30 p. m., next Sunday.

Saturday evening at 7.30 the Sunday school officers and teachers of the town are invited to meet Mrs. Rice at the residence of Mrs. John Cummings, Hamilton street. Mrs. Rice will speak on temperance in the Sunday school.

—The "Universalsst Social Club" will meet next Monday evening, at the home of W. J. Litchfield, South street. A full attendance is requested. A debate will be a part of the program.

—Winfield S. Kilton, jr., son of W. S. Kilton, who has been employed in Worcester for some time past, has taken a position as book-keeper and travelling salesman for J. H. Smith of Palmer.

—Among the notable family gatherings on Thanksgiving day was that of the Clemence family, twenty of whom met at the residence of Luther D. Clemence and partook of a turkey dinner.

—Stove coal is retailing in town at $8 a ton. Recent advices from the coal regions are to the effect that the striking miners are returning to work, and a drop in the price of coal may be expected.

—At the meeting of the Republican club Friday evening delegates will be chosen to attend the national convention of Republican clubs in Chickering hall, New York, Dec. 15, 16 and 17.

—Mrs. Helen G. Rice Mass. supt. of juvenile work, Y. W. C. T. U. will address the Wide Awakes on Saturday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. All children invited to be present.

—Dresser & Co., were assisted in their exhibition of the Standard sewing machine this week by Miss N. J. Abbott, an expert operator, and George L. Jordan, the travelling agent of the company, both of Boston.

—J. F. B. Litchfield has nearly completed arrangements for the opening of a commission brokerage business in town with an office in Hartwell's block. A private wire will connect the office with New York.

—The annual meeting of Phœnix Council, No. 353, Royal Arcanum, will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 8, at which time officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Refreshments will be served. Every member is requested to be present.

—The gospel service at the Baptist church last Sunday evening was attended by a large number. The singing of gospel hymns by the double quartettee added to the interest of the meeting. The subject of the pastor's sermon was "The Fact and Theory of Salvation.

—Michæl Flannery, found guilty of liquor selling in the district court from which he appealed to the superior court, had his case called in that court a few days ago. Upon his ascertaining that the decision of the lower court would be sustained, he skipped out of the court room and since then his bondsmen are anxious to learn of his whereabouts.

—Some 400 people attended the auction sale of the L. A. Lyon farm and personal property last Saturday. The real estate was struck off to J. M. Olney for $5,600. Hay sold for $11.25 to $12.25 a ton, rye for 72 cents a bushel, apples at $1.63 a barrel, potatoes at 78 cents a bushel, oats at 42 cents, buckwheat 65 cents and French turnips at 20 cents a bushel. The cows were sold at an average price of $25.

Union Thanksgiving Service.

The union services at the Union church on Thanksgiving day were not very well attended. Rev. S. Hayward, who preached the sermon, spoke on "The Signs of the Times," his text being from Daniel 12:6, "How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?" The discourse was a forcible one and was attentively listened to by those present.

Runaway Accident.

A pair of John J. Bowlen's horses, which he was driving home from Fiskdale last Thursday afternoon, became frightened by the dropping of the carriage pole, and running, threw him out when near the residence of Philip Bond, in Sturbridge. His left side was so severely injured as to cause his confinement to his room for several days. The horses, after clearing themselves from the carriage, ran into J. F. Parker's lot, a short distance from where they started to run, and were soon secured by Eben Ammidown, who had come to Mr. Bowlen's assistance. The carriage escaped injury with the exception of the breaking of the pole.

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Personal.

—Miss Edna Baker of Waltham is visiting friends in town.

—Mr. and Mrs. James F. Parker are at Kennebunk, Me.

—George W. Wells and son Albert are in Rochester, N. Y.

—Joseph D. Blanchard is taking a week's outing at Block Island.

—It was thought yesterday that George Hill was slightly improving.

—George and Arthur Booth are in Boston, the guests of relatives.

—Mrs. F. R. Grimes of Chicago is the guest of Miss Lizzie Edwards.

—Miss Carrie McKee is visiting relatives in Providence, for a few weeks.

—J. S. Dresser witnessed the Chicago-Boston game in Boston, Wednesday.

—Mrs. John Edwards spent last Saturday and Sunday at Nantasket beach.

—Miss Bertha Clark has returned from a two week's visit to relatives in Spencer.

—Miss Miranda St. Onge is visiting relatives in Spencer, for a few weeks.

—Mrs. H. A. Mansfield and Fletcher B. Coffin of Newton are at Mrs. M. F. Leonard's.

—A. W. Martin came up from New Haven Saturday evening and spent Sunday in town.

—W. B. Morse, proprietor of the JOURNAL a number of years ago, was in town last Friday.

—Miss Ida Plimpton leaves town this morning for a two weeks visit to friends in Fall River.

—Miss Ida Varner is at Nantasket beach where she anticiptes staying the remainder of the season.

—Master Orland W, Mason of Winchendon, is visiting his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John A. White.

—Mrs. F. M. Clemence and daughter Gerter of New York are the guests of Miss Carrie Clemence.

—Carl B. Johnson, a former assistant of Postmaster Oakes, is again in the office for a fortnight or more.

—William S. Robinson of St. Albans Vt., a former well known citizen, was in town the past week.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Cook and child of New York are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Cook.

—Silenie Trombly visited her brother Hermidus, a former townsman, in North Brookfield the past week.

—Miss Garvan of Brooklyn, N. Y., is at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. H. Cheney, for a few weeks.

—S. S. Perry, now of Rockland where he is engaged in the furniture business, was in town last Saturday and Sunday.

—Robert Blaine was in a more comfortable condition yesterday, but his physician holds out no hopes of his recovery.

—Thomas Gannon, once of this town, E. H. Cunningham and Morris Barnard are the guests of Patrick Phelan.

—Dr. and Mrs. Sanborn, Miss Nellie Vinton and the Misses French are at the Chautauquan assembly at South Framingham.

—Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler M. Phillips and daughter, Miss Ellen, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cheney.

—Miss Odild Suprenant of Mechanicsville, Ct., and Miss Anna Gaudreau of East Webster were the guests of Miss Herminie Trombly the past week.

—Andrew J. Clark's flock of 14 sheep were attacked by unknown dogs this week. Five sheep were killed outright, and two others are missing.

—Samuel Foster and wife of Providence, were in town Tuesday. Mr. Foster came here to attend the semi-annual meeting of the Central Mills Company.

—Herbert Morse, Frank F. Dresser and Albert Clarke are camping out on the shore of Cedar pond. Nathan Ransom is with them as guide and steward.

—George Eaton, a former townsman, but now of Providence, where he is employed as a salesman in J. B. Barnaby & Co's store, is spending a few days in town.

—Herbert A. Hargraves left town Monday for an extended vacation trip, which includes visits to Providence, Fall River, Newport, New York and other points.

—Stanley F. Newell, a former well known resident, now of White Plains, N. Y., visited his mother, Mrs. D. F. Newell, last Friday. His two sons, George A. and J. Monroe, are stopping in town with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Olney.

—Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and son Horace, Mrs. Edward Sullivan and daughter Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan and twins, Miss Martha Fardy, Miss Alice McKee and Neil Walters are quartered for the summer at the pleasant residence of Mrs. H. B. Streeter.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

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The Providence association lacks now but $2,000 as of the $150,000 required for their new building.

Regular monthly business meeting of the association at 8 o'clock Monday evening. Applications for membership will be received at that time.

"Accumulating results from one man's testimony," II Chron. xv:1-19. This is the topic for the young men's meeting next Monday evening, to which all men are cordially invited.

Walter C. Douglass, formerly state secretary of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and at present one of the international secretaries, has accepted the general secretaryship of the Boston association, made vacant by the resignation of M. R. Deming. This is good fortune, not only for the Boston association, but for the work throughout the state, as Mr. Douglass is one of the most efficient secretaries in the country and his influence is sure to be felt in many localities outside of his own association.

The Massachusetts and Rhode Island joint annual state convention which will be held here early in October, will be a noteworthy event for Southbridge. The date is not definitely arranged, but will probably be in the second week of October. Previous conventions have usually begun on Thursday and closed with the Sunday evening service. Springfield entertained the convention in 1883, New Bedford 1884, Providence 1885, Lowell 1886. It is a great boon to any association to have the privilege of entertaining such a grand body of Christian men.

Nov. 24. 1887.

Obituary.

In the death of Samuel L. Morse the community loses one of its citizens whose voice and hand have for many years been a power for the advancement of all good works.

He was a native of Southbridge, and with the exception of a short residence in the town of Dudley, always lived here. For a number of years he was in the employ of the Hamilton Woolen Company in various capacities. During the war he was a member of the Sanitary Commission, and was for a long time stationed in one of the army hospitals in Washington. At the close of the war he returned to Southbridge and again entered the company's employ. While a resident of Globe Village he was one of the promoters and most active participants in the meetings of the old Globe Lyceum. He was a keen and convincing debater and it was rarely that he was worsted in an argument. Mr. Morse was an ardent advocate of the temperance cause, and on many occasions, has been the prime mover in crusades against the illegal sale of liquor. He was strongly opposed to all secret societies, and several years ago wrote a series of articles in opposition to their existence, which were published in the JOURNAL. His life was so consistent with his profession that his sincerity was never questioned. He was a member of the Congregational church in Southbridge, and here as in other places of duty, he was never found wanting. Four years ago he was stricken with paralysis, which gradually grew worse until his death. His funeral was held Monday from his late residence on Dresser street, Rev. Joseph Danielson officiating.

SOUTHBRIDGE.

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—Tuesday was an ideal winter's day.

—Miss Mary Ellis is visiting friends in Leicester.

—Mrs. Melvina Booth is very ill at her home on High street.

—Mrs. John Tatterson is visiting relatives in Boston and Lawrence.

—Mrs. G. D. Utley of Ware is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Goodier.

—Miss Myra Martin of the Willimantic High school is at home for the holidays.

—Hiram C. Wells is confined to his house with a painful attack of acute rheumatism.

—Rev. W. J. Pomfret will conduct the services at Sandersdale next Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

—Henry and Miss Julia Kirstein of Rochester, N. Y., were the recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wells.

—William H. Horton is ill and confined to his house with a severe attack of lumbago.

—Mrs. Oscar F. Barrett and son John spent Christmas in Hartford, Ct., with her son, Fred E. Johnson.

—R. L. Walker, once a well known resident, is the guest of his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hall.

—Misses Genevieve Williams and Bertha Clark are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Bailey, in Danielsonville, Ct.

—The children of the Congregational society are to have a supper this evening in the lecture room of the church.

—The Baptist society manifested their esteem for their pastor by presenting him with a substantial gift on Christmas eve.

—J. R. Amidon will sell at public auction a quantity of personal property at his residence on Dresser hill next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

—Julius S. Gleason gave each of his married clerks a Christmas turkey and the value of one in money to the unmarried clerks.

—Next week, the week of prayer, will be observed by each of the churches separately, with the exception of a union meeting in the Methodist church Wednesday evening.

—Ambrose and Leonard Webster of Waltham were in town this week, having come here to attend the funeral of their step-mother, Mrs. Hiram Webster.

—Former members, still residing in Southbridge, of the old Melvill engine company, had the pleasure of greeting their old foreman, Dennis Ryan, the past week, while he was on a visit to his parents in town. Mr. Ryan resides, at present, in Dover, N. H.

—Thomas E. Tateum, a well known citizen and a prominent marble dealer of Worcester, died in that city, very suddenly, last Thursday night. Mr. Tateum was well known in Southbridge, having at one time a branch of his Worcester marble works here in the shop now occupied by M. D. Morrill. He was in Southbridge only a few days previous to his death.

—The first of the informal talks in the the Y. M. C. A. rooms, which was postponed from last Tuesday evening will be given this evening by Katora T. Shimomura, who will appear in his native costume and speak upon "Glimpses of Life in Japan."

—Last Saturday, at the close of the day's work, the employes in the lens department of the American Optical Company's works presented their superintendent, C. E. Wilson, with a beautiful French marble clock as a testimonial of their regard. The affair was all the more interesting because of its being wholly a surprise to Mr. Wilson.

—There will be a praise service in the Congregational church next Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. There will be a variety of good singing with cornet accompaniment. Subject of the address: "Babylon the Famous City. Dec. 22. 1887.

—The Universalist Social Club is preparing a literary entertainment that will be of more than usual interest. Miss Mary Ellis will make her debut as a public reader on this occassion. The date of the entertainment has not been fixed, but will be some time in January.

—The freight train due at 9.20 a. m. Wednesday reached the station at 11.20 a. m., two hours late. It consisted of engine, tender and fifteen box cars all loaded with merchandise, and was one of the largest freight trains that has ever came into Southbridge.

—Edgar, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cook, who went to Minneapolis, Minn., a few weeks ago with the hope of benefitting his impaired health, has returned in a much more feeble condition than when he went. His health is becoming more critical day by day and his parents are apprehensive of the result. They have the sincere sympathy of their friends.

—Lensdale pond came near being the scene of a fatal triple drowning accident last Monday afternoon. A boy broke through the ice while skating and in the attempt of two other boys to rescue him, they got into the water, and but for the timely arrival of several men who with planks rescued the boys, all three would have been drowned.

—At the Methodist church next Sunday morning the pastor, W. J. Pomfret, will deliver an opening year address which will be followed by the reception of members, the recognition of probationers and the sacrament. In the evening at 6 o'clock there will be a praise service. The annual watch meeting will be dispensed with this year.

—Charles Chamberlain, the operator at the electric light station is off on a ten day's vacation. G. A. Bartlett, the company's patrolman, has charge of the station during Mr. Chamberlain's absence. The company are fortunate in having so thorough a mechanic in their employ as Mr. Bartlett, who since entering the company's employ has become a skilled electrician.

—The Quintette Cooking Club is a recent organization composed of young misses. Miss Edith Cady is the president and Miss Ruth Chapin the secretary and treasurer of the club. Miss Mabel Morse acts as the sewing committee and Misses Maud Goodier and Mamie Wells constitute the cooking committee. The club will meet with Miss Wells next Saturday afternoon and devote one-half hour each to reading, sewing and cooking. They will prepare their own supper, to the eating of which they will devote an unlimited time.

—C. D. Henry's People's Theatre company is playing for the week in Dresser opera house. "A Wife's Devotion," was given Monday evening; "Divorce," Tuesday and "The California Detective," Wednesday. Tonight it is "Nobody's Child." "The Big Bonanza" and "Queena" will be played Friday and Saturday evenings, respectively, with "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at Saturday matinee. The price of admission at the matinee will be 10 cents to all parts of the hall. The troupe is one of the best. Miss Hattie Henry and J. F. Kirke, the stars, are exceptionally strong in their several roles.

Illustrated Lecture.

Dec 27 1887.

The illustrated lecture given in the Baptist church Tuesday evening by Dr. Crabtree of Boston was well attended, nearly every seat in the church being occupied. The subject of the lecture, "Over the Walks of Jesus," was illustrated by a series of nearly 100 stereopticon views of Egypt and Palestine which were quite clear and well presented. The lecture was of considerable interest to teachers and members of the Sunday school and much valuable information was obtained. The lecturer spoke without notes and showed a thorough knowledge of his subject.

The Band Concert.

Dec. 22 1887

The attendance at the concert given by the Southbridge brass band in Edwards opera house last Tuesday evening was not large. The concert deserved a full house. A good band is a desirable acquisition to any town and an organization deserving the patronage of the people. For the band to go to the expense and labor of getting up such an excellent entertainment as the concert proved and not receive the support of the public is hard indeed.

The playing of the band was fine and received the hearty approval of the audience. The cornet solo, "Vacant Chair," by J. B. Green received the applause of the audience. The Cecilian quartette on this occasion made their first pnblic appearance and they have reason to be pleased with their success. Their singing elicited the warmest commendations of the audience and a recall on each occasion of their appearance. R. C. Filmer's solo, "Far Away" way given with fine effect. The selections of the Baptist male chorus was loudly applauded and recalled, as was also the clarinet solo by Mr. Amelotte.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
WORCESTER, ss.

1887.

PROBATE COURT.

To the Heirs at law, next-of-kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of John Taunt, late of Southbridge, in said county, deceased. GREETING:

UPON the petition of Ardelia Taunt, you are hereby cited to appear at a probate court, to be held at Fitchburg, in said county, on the fourth Tuesday of October, next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to show cause if any you have, why an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, should not be approved: and also why the said petitioner, the executrix therein named, should not be exempt from giving a surety or sureties on her bond.

And the said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, three weeks successively, in the SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL, a newspaper printed at Southbridge, the last publication to be two days at least before said court, and to send, or cause to be sent, a written or printed copy of this notice, properly mailed, postage paid, to each of the heirs, devisees, or legatees of said estate, or their legal representatives, known to the petitioner, seven days at least, before said court.

Witness, ADIN THAYER, Esquire, judge of said court, this twenty-ninth day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

F. W. SOUTHWICK, Register.

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A New Railroad. 1887.

The article published in last week's JOURNAL in relation to a new railroad has caused some little comment. The matter is one that will bear discussion, and, as it has been said, a new railroad is something worth trying for. There is no question but that the road would be of more benefit to the town of Southbridge than can be estimated. It would be a benefit in more ways, than one. Whether the road is built entirely by private capital or with the aid of the town, whether it is built as an extension of the N. Y. & N. E. or by any other corporation is immaterial, provided it is built. The matter has been brought to the attention of President Bliss of the Boston & Albany road, but of course no expression of opinion could, at this time, be expected from that corporation.

If once started there is but little doubt that the project could be pushed to a successful completion. It has been suggested that a meeting of business men be called to see what can be done in the matter. The suggestion is a good one and should be acted upon without unnecessary delay. If the town is ever to have better railroad facilities it is tfme that something was done.

Following is an extract from a letter which the JOURNAL has received from Treasurer Coleman of the Hamilton Woolen Company: "As to the matter of the railroad referred to in your letter, it is a subject with which I am entirely unfamiliar and consequently not at present able to express an intelligent opinion. I may say, however, that on general principles, I am decidedly opposed to the idea of town's appropriating money to build railroads.

Yours Truly,
C. A. COLEMAN, Treasurer."

A Noon-Day Wedding.

The residence of A. Forney Luther on Everett street was the scene of a happy and brilliant social event at 1 p. m. today, the occasion being the marriage of their oldest daughter, Miss Helen A., and Charles T. Barber. The prominent position which the contracting parties hold in religious and social circles in town, and their wide acquaintanceship rendered the wedding of more than usual importance to society. Only near relatives and the former classmates and intimate friends of the bride and groom were present. Miss Nellie E. Hunt of East Douglas was the maid of honor and George T. McVey best man. Charles D. Keyes of Boston, a cousin of the bride, acted as chief usher, while Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Beecher received the company. At the designated hour the wedding procession filed into the parlors of the house. Rev. Mr. Danielson, the officiating clergyman, with H. R. Beecher headed the procession, Mr. Keyes and Miss Hunt were next in order; the groom and Mr. McVey came next, preceding the bride-elect leaning upon the arm of her father. Upon entering the room the couple stood within a bower of ferns and vines, beautifully bedecked with lovely flowers. The bride, dressed in white and carrying a bouquet of Niphetos roses, looked the picture of youth, health and happiness. Miss Hunt, the maid of honor was attired in a dress of light blue and carried a bouquet of Bon Silene roses. Two rings were used in the ceremony, their presentation being made by Miss J. Annie Luther. The beauty of the marriage scene was enhanced by the fact that it was performed by gas-light. After the close of the service and Mr. and Mrs. Barber had received the congratulations of the company, a wedding breakfast was served. The presents were both numerous, costly and artistic. They included a substantial side-board, the gift of her grandfather, a check from her grandmother and an exquisite hand painted after dinner set from the maid of honor, Miss Hunt.

The happy couple left on the 3:40 train on a wedding trip which will include a visit to New York and Washington. On their return they will occupy their new residence on Dresser street.

Rev. Mr. Montgomery's Lecture.

The audience which assembled at the Methodist church last Thursday evening to hear the temperance lecture by Hugh Montgomery, under the auspices of the Y. W. C. T. U., was of very creditable size. The members of the Y. W. C. T. U. occupied reserved pews, and for the half hour previous to the lecture Miss Mary Clemence gave an organ prelude. Rev. W. J. Pomfret presided, and in opening the meeting he called upon Rev. J. Danielson to read a portion of scripture, after which Rev. Gorham Easterbrook offered prayer.

In the beginning of his lecture the spaeker read a resolution which was adopted at a convention of the No License League at Northampton, the purport of which is that its friends will do all in their power to bring about statutory prohibition. This resolution was the foundation of his remarks. Since its adoption by the convention in quetsion it had received the indorsement of 148,000 people, of whom 40,000 must have been voters, who thus publicly have said that thy will not knowingly vote for any candidate for an office who favors legalizing the liquor traffic. He said that the laws against liquor had been enforced more efficiently the past year throughout the state than ever before. Of "spotter" evidence he approved and stated that only in liquor prosecutions was objection made to it. The growth of the temperance sentiment had been fostered by the unscrupulous and tyrannical actions of the rumsellers themselves. The material growth of Kansas under prohibition was shown by the reading of statistics. He characterized the polling of 172,000 votes for prohibition in the recent contest in Texas as "The grandest victory ever won in America for God and our homes." Creed and party affiliations should be ignored and all should unite in saving the young man from the saloon. The closing portion of his lecture was of a political nature, and he handled the third party pretty roughly for naming a candidate for the legislature, when one of the other parties had nominated a clean temperance man.

Nov. 10. 1887.

Game Laws.

The law is off on the shooting of partridges, wild pigeons, gulls and terns, but our sportsmen must wait until after Oct. 15, for quail-on-toast. The use of a trap, net, seine, or of a ferret, to take or kill a game bird, water fowl, hare or rabbit, or even the setting of these instruments, is forbidden under a fine of $20.

Oct. 6. 1887.

Fine Portraits.

The directors of the Southbridge National Bank have caused to be hung in their room in the bank building, life-size crayon portraits of Samuel A. Hitchcock, Samuel M. Lane and Jacob Edwards, each of whom have filled the office of president of the institution, the last named being at present in that office. The portraits are set in heavy gilt frames. They are in the highest degree of excellence, and reflect great credit on the artist, Hardy of Boston.

Probate Court.

The following vicinty business was transacted at probate court in Worcester, Tuesday:

Wills proved.—Of John Taunt of Southbridge, his widow, Ardelia Taunt, executrix; of Israel C. Trow of Southbridge, Webster Spooner of Boston and Lucian D. Trow of Hardwick executors.

Administrators Appointed.—Daniel Seagrave of Worcester, on estate of Dolly Weld of Sturbridge, $16,000 personal.

Trustees Appointed.—Chauncy C. Sheldon of Lynn, under will of Daniel F. Russell of Charlton, for the benefit of Juliet L. Smith.

Executor's accounts were allowed on the estate of Sarah E. Green of Southbridge.

Oct 6 1887.

W. C. T. U.

From the first, the woman's temperance work has been a work of prayer and faith. Realizing the need of divine help the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union has issued a call that Nov. 12 and 13 be set apart "as days of prayer for the growth and universal diffusion of all kinds of temperance work." In accordance with this call the Southbridge W. C. T. U. will hold a prayer meeting in the parlor of the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday, Nov 12 at three o'clock. The Y. W. C. T. U. and the Loyal Legion and all friends are cordially idvited to unite with them in these services. On Sunday the pastors are respectfully and earnestly asked to pray especially for the temperance cause throughout the world.

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CARD OF THANKS.

For the words of sympathy bestowed by friends and neighbors, and for assistance received from my fellow members of the G. A. R., I desire to return my heartfelt thanks and express my deepest gratitude.

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The following named persons constitute the Board of investment of the Southbridge Savings Bank: R. H. Cole, L. Phelps, F. L. Chapin, G. W. Wells, C. D. Paige.

C. D. MONROE, Clerk,
Southbridge, Nov. 3, 1887.

CARD OF THANKS.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Southbridge, realizing that without the aid and co-operation of their friends, the recent joint convention of the state organizations of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Massachusetts and Rhode Island would not have attained the brilliant and signal success it did.

Therefore, in consideration of all this, we desire to extend our most sincere thanks, first, to the people of Southbridge for their generous hospitality in welcoming and entertaining at their several homes the visiting delegations; second, to the Congregational society for the gratuitous use of their church for the holding of the convention; third, to the Ladies' Auxiliary and assistants for providing and serving the dinner on the first day of the convention.

For the association,
GEORGE W. WELLS, President,
C. D. MONROE, Secretary.

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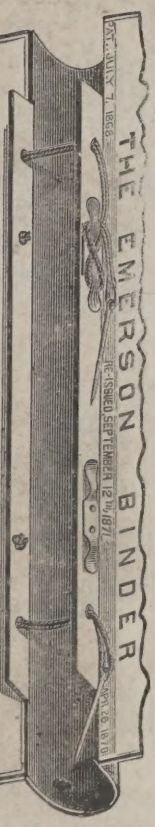

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